

14 December 2023

## ENDOMETRIOSIS QUERY

**1. – How many patients were on waiting lists for endometriosis surgery?**

| January 2018 | January 2019 | January 2020 | January 2021 | January 2022 | January 2023 | October 2023 |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 159          | 172          | 128          | 214          | 236          | 239          | 208          |

**2. – How many women received surgery for endometriosis surgery?**

| 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | Jan-Jul 2023 |
|------|------|------|------|------|--------------|
| 129  | 172  | 25   | 12   | 43   | 43*          |

\*Q2. Clinical Coding is completed up to July 2023 and clinical codes are used to extract the information for this question

**3. – How many women were/are on surgical waiting lists?**

From January 2018 to October 2023 784 patients were added to a surgical waiting list for endometriosis related surgery.

**4. – What was/is the longest waiting time for surgery?**

The longest waiting time for patients admitted between January 2018 and October 2023 was 4 years

**5. – How many women were sent to Dublin to have surgery? Or were outsourced to the Private Sector both in North and ROI?**

There were 19 patients who have had endometriosis related procedures in Independent Sector

**6. – How many endo operations have been postponed due to theatre’s being required for other patients? Is this mainly cancer patients?**

A total of 5 operations have been cancelled from January 2018 to July 2023 with 3 of the 5 operations being cancelled due to cancer patients. The other 2 operations were cancelled because there was no theatre slot due to an emergency.

**7. – Are there any women who have been on a surgery list since 2018 still waiting to be treated?**

There are 5 Patients still waiting to be treated since 2018.

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**8. – How many outpatient attendances have there been for all endometriosis patients since 2021 – November 20<sup>th</sup> 2023?**

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|-------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|---|
| January – December 2021 | <b>New</b> | <b>Rev</b> | <b>Sum:</b> | – |
|                         | 91         | 185        | 276         |   |
| January – December 2022 | <b>New</b> | <b>Rev</b> | <b>Sum:</b> | – |
|                         | 54         | 154        | 208         |   |
| January – November 2023 | <b>New</b> | <b>Rev</b> | <b>Sum:</b> | – |
|                         | 167        | 417        | 584         |   |

**9. – How many women are on an outpatient waiting list for endometriosis treatment?**

As of 7 December 2023 there are 9 patients waiting on a new outpatient appointment for endometriosis.

There are 334 patients on the endometriosis review outpatient waiting list with 219 of these patients requiring dates in the future. Of the 115 review patients who have past their scheduled date to be seen the longest waiting patients was scheduled to be seen in August 2022

**Please note**

This response took quite a long time to collate as due to limitations of coding and IT systems we cannot identify severe endometriosis cases so we had to provide data on all patients with endometriosis. To identify only severe endometriosis cases would require hundreds of charts to be pulled or records checked on NIECR which would take well over 18 hours. This would exceed the cost limit specified in the FOI Act.

We estimate that compliance with this element of the request for information would exceed the appropriate costs limit. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information 2000, the limit has been specified as £450 and represents the estimated cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.

Whilst there are no separate theatre lists for endometriosis or inpatient/day case waiting lists, as they are coded with general gynae, we do have separate outpatient clinics and waiting lists etc. for endometriosis. There are also many patients in general gynaecology with endometriosis which are not managed in this clinic. They may be under another consultant due to having non-invasive disease which can be managed by a generalist.