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Oculoplastic Eyelid Procedures in Clean Treatment Rooms

I am seeking information about the use of clean treatment rooms / minor operations rooms / outpatient procedure rooms for oculoplastic eyelid procedures. For the purposes of this request, please interpret "clean treatment room" to mean a non-main-theatre clinical procedure room used for sterile or minor operative procedures, whether described locally as a clean room, treatment room, procedure room, minor ops room, or outpatient procedure room. Please provide the following information for the period 1 January 2023 to the date of your reply.

1. **Has your organisation undertaken any of the following procedures in a clean treatment room rather than in a main operating theatre? Please answer Yes / No for each, and if readily available please provide either the exact number of cases or an approximate number of cases performed in that setting during the period above.**

a. Entropion repair	No
b. Ectropion repair	No
c. Ptosis repair	No
d. Upper blepharoplasty	No
e. Canthoplasty / canthopexy	No
f. Eyelid reconstruction following lesion excision	No
g. Other eyelid or oculoplastic procedures performed in that setting (please specify)	No

Within Belfast Health and Social Care Trust's Ophthalmology Service, all the above listed procedures are performed in a theatre setting.

2. **If your organisation performs any of the above in a clean treatment room, please provide copies of any recorded documents that set out:**

a. Case selection or inclusion / exclusion criteria
b. Local SOPs, policies, pathways, or protocols
c. Clinical risk assessments relating to undertaking such procedures in that setting
d. Infection prevention and control assessments, approvals, or sign-off documents
e. Estates / ventilation / room suitability assessments, if held
f. Governance approvals, committee papers, or decision records approving this practice, if held

Not applicable - Belfast Health and Social Care Trust's Ophthalmology Oculoplastic Service performs these cases in a sterile theatre setting.

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3. **If held, please state the room or environment requirements specified by your organisation for carrying out these procedures in a clean treatment room, for example any recorded requirements relating to:**

   a. Ventilation or air-handling standard
   b. Staffing model
   c. Monitoring / resuscitation equipment
   d. Maximum anticipated procedure duration
   e. Whether procedures must be under local anaesthesia only
   f. Whether any procedures are excluded if grafts, flaps, sedation or reconstruction are involved

   Not applicable - all procedures listed in Question 1 are performed in a theatre setting.

4. **If held, please provide any recorded audit, surveillance, or governance information for procedures undertaken in a clean treatment room during the same period, including:**

   a. Surgical site infection data
   b. Adverse incident or complication data reported by setting
   c. Unplanned transfer to theatre or admission
   d. Any review or audit reports specifically considering the safety or suitability of these procedures in that setting

   Not applicable - all procedures listed in Question 1 are performed in a theatre setting.

5, **If your organisation does not hold a single document answering any part of the above, please provide the recorded information in the form in which it is held.**

   Not applicable - all procedures listed in Question 1 are performed in a theatre setting.