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Gynaecological Procedures

Number of hysteroscopies

1. Please provide the total number of hysteroscopies performed at your Trust annually between 2013 and 2023 (inclusive). If annual breakdowns are not available, please provide the reporting period and numbers.
 - a. Of those hysteroscopies, what is the total number per year (2013-2023 inclusive) conducted in an “outpatient setting” (not requiring overnight stay)?
 - b. Of all hysteroscopies performed, how many were performed each year (2013-2023 inclusive) without General Anaesthetic?
 - c. Of those performed without General Anaesthetic what is the number of hysteroscopies per year (2013-2023 inclusive) attempted that failed (the procedure was attempted but not completed, rather than a ‘did not attend/missed appointment’)
 - d. What is the total number of ‘did not attend/missed appointments’ for all hysteroscopies per year (2013-2023 inclusive)?

Hysteroscopy information delivery

1. Do you routinely provide patient information about hysteroscopy in advance of the procedure? Y/N
2. For the following, please feel free to select multiple options if applicable:
 - a. How is this information provided to the patient (via post, via email, in the waiting room, etc.)?
 - b. When is this information provided (i.e. at the hysteroscopy appointment, sent with their appointment letter, etc?)
 - c. What format does the information come in (verbal, written, video, etc.,)?
 - d. *Please provide us with a copy of the standard patient information leaflet or give a link to your Hysteroscopy information*

As requested, we have provided our responses in the attached template.

Please note we have been unable to provide parts of the information which you have requested:

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Q1a – We only opened the Outpatient Treatment Suite in Mater Hospital Site in 2019.

Q1b – Even though we would still have had many hysteroscopies done before 2019 in DPU without General Anaesthetic this data doesn't seem to have been available to Information colleagues and would require patients' medical records to be pulled to see what anaesthetic the patient had.

We estimate that compliance with this 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. We are able to provide some of the information requested.

Q1c – no information available. This is because Information colleagues would not be able to pick this up from coding and would require charts to be pulled to get this data. We estimate that compliance with this 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. We are able to provide some of the information requested.