

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/23/421
Hysteroscopy Procedures

- 1. Does your Trust currently have both an inpatient (day-case) pathway and an outpatient pathway for hysteroscopy?**

Yes.

- 2. Currently, roughly what percentage of your Trust's hysteroscopies are done with an anaesthetist**
- diagnostic?**
 - operative (e.g. polypectomy, myomectomy, endometrial ablation)?**

In completing a search for the information requested, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) has confirmed that this information is not centrally recorded or collated. To retrieve the information requested would require a manual search through individual records and the UHB considers that this would exceed the limit set within regulations for responding to a request. The UHB has therefore relied upon the section 12 exemption ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is refusing your request.

The UHB has estimated that to complete the work needed to respond to this request would exceed the time limit as set within regulations to respond to a Freedom of Information Act request. Under the Act there is an allowance of two and a half days, or 18 hours, to comply with a request and the cost limit set within the Fees Regulations for this amount of work (18 hours) is £450 for the UHB. The Fees Regulations specify that the cost of complying with a request must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour.

- 3. What is the current approximate waiting time in weeks for a patient who asks for a general anaesthetic, spinal anaesthetic or IV sedation with analgesia for hysteroscopy**
- under the 2 week wait as an urgent referral for suspected womb cancer?**
 - not under the 2 week wait?**

Please see the answer to question 2.

- 4. Has your Trust adopted, or is your Trust adopting the NHS Getting It Right First Time (Maternity & Gynaecology Report) targets of**
- 90% diagnostic hysteroscopies to be done in outpatients?**
 - 50% operative hysteroscopies to be done in outpatients?**

Yes, actions are underway to achieve these targets.

- 5. May I have a copy of the full range of pain scores obtained by your Trust in the BSGE 2019 outpatient hysteroscopy benchmarking survey?**

The UHB does not hold this information.

6. Is entonox or pentrox routinely available to all your outpatient hysteroscopy patients?

Yes.

7. Are local anaesthetic paracervical blocks routinely available in outpatients?

Yes.

8. Please may I see any audits of hysteroscopic procedures during the last 5 years?

The UHB does not hold this information.

9. Are pain scores taken at all your outpatient hysteroscopy clinics?

The UHB's Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department takes pain scores for all therapeutic hysteroscopic procedures. It also takes pain scores for diagnostic hysteroscopy as part of the BEVAN commission. But it cannot guarantee that this is done for all cases.

10. Does your Trust have a Procedural Sedation Analgesia clinic for 'minor gynae' including hysteroscopy?

Yes.