

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/24/299

Hysteroscopies

Information Requested:

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

Response Details:

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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 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') 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.

Specifically, the UHB can advise that the majority of hysteroscopies are performed in Outpatients but that there are no dedicated clinics for this. The UHB does not routinely capture this activity via regular coding in this area and, therefore, cannot robustly answer the question with a representative number.

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1. Yes.
2.
 - a. Email, post, in the waiting room.
 - b. It depends on when the patient is booked. It will also depend on how the information is shared. If booked in advance, a leaflet or text message is sent. If there is a quick turnaround, information is provided on the day.
 - c. As above.
 - d. Please see the attached PDF.