

Dear Madam/Sir,

**In the interests of collating information on emergency paediatric scrotal pain and emergency scrotal exploration in children, it would be appreciated if your Trust could complete this Freedom of Information request.**

**We would value data from each hospital separately within the Trust. For example if there are multiple hospitals within one Trust please provide separate information for each named hospital site within the Trust.**

The definition of children or paediatric is 0-18 years old for this enquiry.

The definition of 'normal working hours' for this enquiry is 0800-1700, Monday to Friday.

<b>1.) Please provide the following general hospital information:</b>	
Name of hospital	St Mary's Newport
Name of Trust	Isle of Wight NHS Trust
What is the population size of your hospital's catchment area?	140,000
What is the speciality of the individual advising upon the majority of the clinical information of this form?	General Surgery
Does your hospital have a casualty/emergency department?	Yes  If Yes is this manned 24 hrs a day in the week and weekends?  Yes
Does your hospital have a separate paediatric casualty/emergency department on site?	No
Is there a 'scrotal pain' or 'suspected testicular torsion' pathway or Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) relating to this issue for paediatric patients in place at your site?	No (
If yes, please attach the pathway or SOP and provide the date in which it was put in place, and the date for review.	

<b>2.) At your hospital, which <i>speciality</i> and <i>grade</i> of doctor or surgeon most commonly makes the initial assessment of a paediatric patient with a suspected testicular torsion, other than A&amp;E staff? Please provide an answer for each of the following time slots provided.</b>		
	Speciality	Grade
Monday to Friday, during normal working hours	Gen Surg	SpR
Monday to Friday, outside of normal working hours	Gen Surg	SpR
At weekends	Gen Surg	SpR

<b>3.) If a paediatric suspected testicular torsion required emergency scrotal exploration, would the operation take place at your site? Please answer the appropriate column of questions according to whether your answer is A, B or C.</b>		
	Yes / No	
<b>A:</b> Yes, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week	Yes	If yes, please answer the questions in <b>Table A</b> . Ignore table B and C.
<b>B:</b> Yes, within normal working hours only		If yes, please answer the questions in <b>Table B</b> . Ignore table A and C.
<b>C:</b> No, the operation would not take place at this site		If yes, please answer the questions in <b>Table C</b> . Ignore table A and B.

<b>3.A.) Table A</b>	
Which grade and specialty of surgeon most commonly operates during normal working hours?	SpR with consultant supervision
Which grade and specialty surgeon most commonly operates outside of normal working hours on weekdays?	SpR with consultant supervision
Which grade and specialty surgeon most commonly operates on the weekend?	SpR with consultant supervision

<b>3.B.) Table B</b>	
Which grade and specialty surgeon most commonly operates during normal working hours?	
On weekdays outside of normal working hours, do emergency scrotal explorations take place at your hospital? If yes please specify the grade and speciality of the surgeon that most commonly operates.	
On weekends, do emergency scrotal explorations take place at your hospital? i.) If yes please specify the grade and speciality of the surgeon that most commonly operates.	Yes / No (delete as appropriate) i.)
When emergency paediatric scrotal explorations are <b>not</b> performed at your site, which hospital(s) are patients transferred to for emergency scrotal exploration?	
Do any surgeons travel from a separate hospital to any of the sites in your Trust to undertake emergency paediatric scrotal exploration surgery rather than transfer the patient? i.) If yes, please specify the grade and speciality of the surgeon that most commonly travels. ii.) Please specify which hospital(s) are travelled to, and which hospital(s) are travelled from, and when this happens (normal working hours, weekdays out of hours and/or weekends).	Yes / No (delete as appropriate) i.) ii.)

<b>3.C.) Table C</b>	
To which hospital(s) do you transfer patients, for emergency scrotal exploration?	

With regards to Question 4, the Isle of Wight NHS Trust uses other diagnostics to identify unsalvageable or infarcted testis so we wouldn't expect to see emergency scrotal explorations (OPCS Code N03.4) that didn't result in orchidectomies (OPCS N05.- and N06.-). Also following clinical coding guidelines a diagnostic procedure would not be coded once a therapeutic procedure has been carried out, therefore if a patient is coded with an orchidectomy they would not also receive a code of scrotal exploration. Therefore we have only included a figure in the second part of the question.

<b>4.) Please answer the following questions, with separate answers for the years 2013, 2014 and 2015.</b>			
	2013	2014	2015
How many emergency scrotal explorations on paediatric patients to exclude testicular torsion were carried out at your site?	Unknown* ( Please see comment above)	Unknown* (Please see comment above)	Unknown* (Please see comment above)
How many emergency scrotal explorations on paediatric patients resulted in finding an unsalvageable or infarcted testis, resulting in orchidectomy?	0	1	0

<b>5.) Please provide the following information about audits into paediatric testicular torsions.</b>	
At your hospital, has there been an audit or review conducted into the length of time taken, for a paediatric patient with a suspected testicular torsion, to arrive in the operating theatre from initial triage in the emergency department?	No
If yes, when were the audit(s) conducted?	
If yes, what was the average time taken for a paediatric patient with a suspected testicular torsion, to arrive in the operating theatre from initial triage in the emergency department?	

<b>6.) How many cases presenting as paediatric scrotal pain or paediatric suspected testicular torsion resulted in incident reports, serious untoward incidents or legal proceedings in 2013, 2014, 2015?</b>			
	Incident Report /Datix	SUI (Serious Untoward Incident)	Legal proceedings
<b>Number of cases in the year:</b>			
2013	Nil known	Nil known	Nil known
2014			

	Nil known	Nil known	Nil known
2015	Nil known	Nil known	Nil known
Please attach an anonymised copy of all incident reports, and root cause analysis reports with outcomes identified in this question.			

<b>7.) In your organisation, who will be the most senior clinician to review this FOI request before submission?</b>		
Hospital title	Area of responsibility	Speciality
Clinical Director	Surgery	General Surgery

**End of Freedom of Information request.**