

Ref FOI17 362
Date 27 November 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Please find below/attached the Isle of Wight NHS Trust's response to your request.

Under the FOIA (2000) please would you supply the following information relating to your Trust's (and its outsourced services') practice of OUTPATIENT HYSTEROSCOPY/BIOPSY – PAIN CONTROL AND PATIENT CHOICE

The patient information leaflet/s
Attached

The consent form/s
Response - written consent is not required

3. For each of the last 3 financial years:

i. all audits of OP hysteroscopy adverse events, (including infection, perforation, pain equal to or above 7/10 on VAS)

Response -

There have been no adverse events in the last three years

There have been no severe adverse events recorded during the procedure in this practice since May 2011

In the last 727 consecutive procedures by one clinician 20 were stopped because they were too painful for the woman. This is 2.75%. Pain scores were not recorded but whether the patient was able to proceed. There have been no perforations by any of the hysteroscopists during a hysteroscopy in outpatients in the last fourteen years. There have been three infections that were reported to the hospital since 2011, this will not include those who saw their GP only.

ii. all surveys of patients' outpatient hysteroscopy experiences. Are all your patients allowed to complete the satisfaction survey at home?

Response –

Yes. There are no specific surveys of outpatient hysteroscopy. Surveys used for all gynaecology clinics are incorporated within the Friends and family survey / I Want Great Care survey conducted by the Isle of Wight NHS Trust.

iii. the number of your patients who had

- a) GA,
- b) spinal anaesthesia, Response – Not applicable
- c) monitored procedural IV sedation,
- d) local anaesthetic, Response – Not applicable
- e) no anaesthetic

iv. the % of your

- a) diagnostic hysteroscopies,
- b) operative hysteroscopies that were done in outpatients.

Response – The Isle of Wight NHS Trust does not record this information for outpatients. In order for this information to be created individual patient records would need to be accessed and due to the numbers involved would take in excess of 18 hours, and as such would be exempt from provision under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Did your Trust meet the Best Practice Target % Tariff for each of these years?

Response Yes

i. Is local anaesthetic available in all your outpatient hysteroscopy clinics?

Response - No

ii. Is Entonox available in all your outpatient hysteroscopy clinics?

Response - Yes

5. Are all your hysteroscopy patients (including See & Treat/One Stop Shop/Late Cancellations) offered

i. local anaesthetic?

Response – No the patient is referred for a general anaesthetic if it is not tolerated.

ii. GA?

Response – Yes if procedure as an outpatient is not tolerated.

iii. spinal anaesthesia?

Response - No

iv. safely monitored IV sedation?

Response - No

Do you use electro-surgery in any of your outpatients clinics?

Response – Yes

If so, do you always use the lowest power setting?

Response - No

7. What type and diameter of scopes do you use in

a) outpatients,

Response – 18F

b) for GA patients? Rigid, semi-rigid, flexible?

Response – 4/5mm and are rigid scopes

8. What is the minimum training and accreditation (e.g. RCOG ATSM) that all your NEW hysteroscopists must have?

Response – Hysteroscopists must have completed the RCOG ATSM in hysteroscopy

9. What % diagnostic outpatient hysteroscopy/biopsy patients had an incomplete procedure which was repeated with epidural, GA or sedation?

Response – The information is not held. The Isle of Wight NHS Trust does not record this information for outpatients.

10. Does your Trust have a psychosexual counselling service for PTSD caused by severe procedural pain?

Response - The Trust offers a psychosexual psychologist service.

Please note that this response does not constitute as consent for direct marketing.

A copy of this response will be published on the Trust website.

The Isle of Wight NHS Trust which serves a resident population of 140,000 with a substantial influx of tourists during the summer months. The Trust provides acute, ambulance, community, maternity, mental health services on the Isle of Wight. As the only fully integrated service provider in England with this unique range of services, comparisons with other service providers are not always straightforward.

This letter also confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request will be held on a database by the Trust. All hard copy correspondence relating to this request will be held for one year from the date of this letter, before being confidentially destroyed.

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Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully

Freedom of Information Team