

## Freedom of Information request 172-18

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### Request

1. How many gynaecologists within your organisation perform laparoscopic procedures requiring morcellation?
2. How many power morcellators do you purchase per annum for gynaecology?
3. How many power morcellators do you use in gynaecology per annum?
4. How many laparoscopic hysterectomies requiring morcellation do you perform annually?
5. How many laparoscopic myomectomies requiring morcellation do you perform annually?
6. For patients requiring morcellation, do you routinely perform pre-operative MRI?
7. For patients requiring morcellation, do you routinely perform pre-operative endometrial sampling/biopsy?
8. During the consent process, do you specifically consent for power morcellation in gynaecology?
9. During the consent process, what risk of inadvertent leiomyosarcoma do you quote during hysterectomies/myomectomies for benign fibroids?
10. During the consent process, what risk do you quote for spread of inadvertent leiomyosarcoma from power morcellation?
11. Has your organisation ever encountered inadvertent leiomyosarcoma following hysterectomy or myomectomy for presumed benign indications? If so, many?
12. Do you have information leaflet about morcellation in gynaecology?
13. What audit procedures do you have in place for gynaecologists participating in power morcellation?

### Response

1. No gynaecologists within NHS Borders perform laparoscopic morcellation.
- 2&3. In 2017/18 NHS Borders purchased 6 morcellators for hysteroscopic morcellation.
4. None.
5. None.
6. Not applicable.
7. Not applicable.
8. For hysteroscopic morcellations, if we are anticipating the use of a morcellator, this will be mentioned in the consent form.
9. Not applicable.
10. Not applicable.
11. Under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this information is not held, therefore we cannot provide.
12. There is no specific information leaflet about morcellation in gynaecology.
13. As no laparoscopic morcellation is performed within NHS Borders there is no specific audit process for this.

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or [foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk).

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **172-18** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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