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Freedom of Information request 662-23

Request & Response

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
 - a. diagnostic? **67%**
 - b. operative (e.g. polypectomy, myomectomy, endometrial ablation)? **33%**
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
 - a. under the 2 week wait as an urgent referral for suspected womb cancer? **2 – 4 weeks**
 - b. not under the 2 week wait? **Routine can be up to 2 years**
4. Has your Trust adopted, or is your Trust adopting the NHS Getting It Right First Time (Maternity & Gynaecology Report) targets of
 - a. 90% diagnostic hysteroscopies to be done in outpatients?
 - b. 50% operative hysteroscopies to be done in outpatients?

This is an NHS England policy rather than NHS Scotland. NHS Borders offers 100% of patient hysteroscopy in outpatient. Those done under anaesthetic are done so due to patient choice or for technical reasons.

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? **This information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.**
6. Is entonox or pentrox routinely available to all your outpatient hysteroscopy patients? **Not routinely**
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? **This information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.**
9. Are pain scores taken at all your outpatient hysteroscopy clinics? **No**
10. Does your Trust have a Procedural Sedation Analgesia clinic for 'minor gynae' including hysteroscopy? **No**

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.

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 **662-23** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.