

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-405

6 June 2024

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we hold some of the information you are requesting

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.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	294	318	205	206	288	445	650	1395	1781	1691	2207
Inpatient	50	53	16	17	21	25	29	35	21	27	26
Day Case	244	265	124	100	158	256	316	191	279	255	352
Outpatient	*	*	65	89	109	164	305	1169	1481	1409	1829

**We can only provide this information from 2015.*

a. Of those hysteroscopies, what is the total number per year (2013-2023 inclusive) conducted in an "outpatient setting" (not requiring overnight stay)?

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	*	*	65	89	109	164	305	1169	1481	1409	1829

**We can only provide this information from 2015.*

b. Of all hysteroscopies performed, how many were performed each year (2013-2023 inclusive) without General Anaesthetic?

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	*	*	65	89	109	164	305	1169	1481	1409	1829

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Please note all hysteroscopy performed as an outpatient will be without general anaesthetic. We are unable to provide this information regarding inpatients and day case patients as our

systems do not capture the data in this way; a manual trawl for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty-day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

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')

Please note, the Trust does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required and a manual trawl for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty-day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

d. What is the total number of 'did not attend/missed appointments' for all hysteroscopies per year (2013-2023 inclusive)?

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Hysteroscopy information delivery

1. Do you routinely provide patient information about hysteroscopy in advance of the procedure? Y/N

Yes

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.)?

Post, text message, provided in clinic.

b. When is this information provided (i.e. at the hysteroscopy appointment, sent with their appointment letter, etc?)

Sent with appointment letter or at a previous clinic appointment if hysteroscopy is advised.

c. What format does the information come in (verbal, written, video, etc.)?

Verbal, written, digital link in text message to leaflet.

d. Please provide us with a copy of the standard patient information leaflet or give a link

to your Hysteroscopy information

Please see the attached document.

Please note: The above information does not include data from Weston General Hospital pre-merger (before April 2020) due to the data being held on a different system and would involve a manual trawl - Please note, the Trust does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required and a manual trawl for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty-day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
Bristol
BS1 3NU

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team

