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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5934**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 15th September 2023.

Your request was as follows:

**HYSTEROSCOPY INPATIENT AND OUTPATIENT PATHWAYS**

Under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) please may I have answers to the following:

1. Does your Trust currently have both an inpatient (day-case) pathway and an outpatient pathway for hysteroscopy?
2. Currently, roughly what percentage of your Trust's hysteroscopies are done with an anaesthetist
  - a) diagnostic?
  - b) operative (e.g. polypectomy, myomectomy, endometrial ablation)?
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?
  - b) not under the 2 week wait?
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?
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?
6. Is entonox or pentrox routinely available to all your outpatient hysteroscopy patients?

7. Are local anaesthetic paracervical blocks routinely available in outpatients?
8. Please may I see any audits of hysteroscopic procedures during the last 5 years?
9. Are pain scores taken at all your outpatient hysteroscopy clinics?
10. Does your Trust have a Procedural Sedation Analgesia clinic for 'minor gynae' including hysteroscopy?

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust is a Specialist Neuroscience Tertiary Care Centre; we do not offer gynecological services. Therefore, we cannot provide this information.

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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