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## REQUEST

**When hysteroscopy procedures are carried out what, if any what feedback do you as a trust seek to obtain in relation to the experiences of women who have had a hysteroscopy ?**

**What evidence do you collate in terms of the impact of the hysteroscopy procedure on women, and what statistics are held relating to women who then decline further treatment as a direct result of the procedure?**

**What evidence are you in possession of where the impact of declining further treatment has had a detrimental impact on women's subsequent health and their life expectancy?**

**What are information does the trust hold in terms of the experiences of women who have undergone a hysteroscopy?**

## RESPONSE

- 1. When hysteroscopy procedures are carried out what, if any what feedback do you as a trust seek to obtain in relation to the experiences of women who have had a hysteroscopy ?**

We participated in the BSGE National Patient Satisfaction survey in 2019, published in European Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology and Reproductive Biology in 2021 "Benchmarking services in outpatient hysteroscopy (OPH): A quality improvement project". We are aiming to repeat this survey in the near future.

On an individual patient basis, we continually communicate with the patient throughout the procedure, allowing for real-time feedback and

the offer of additional pain relief or discontinuation of the procedure as necessary.

- 2. What evidence do you collate in terms of the impact of the hysteroscopy procedure on women, and what statistics are held relating to women who then decline further treatment as a direct result of the procedure?**

Assuming the request here is for evidence of the psychological impact of the procedure, we do not specifically collect this information but at every stage of the procedure make it clear that if the procedure is distressing, painful or in any way unacceptable then this can be arranged under a general anaesthetic. I am not aware of any women declining further treatment as a direct result of the procedure and am not sure we would be able to access such information.

- 3. What evidence are you in possession of where the impact of declining further treatment has had a detrimental impact on women's subsequent health and their life expectancy?**

We do not have this information, see above.

- 4. What information does the trust hold in terms of the experiences of women who have undergone a hysteroscopy?**

The Trust holds information as to the outcomes of the BSGE National Patient Satisfaction survey, including the outcomes specifically relating to our own service.