

Ref. No: 0482
Date: 30/11/23
Subject: Waiting Lists (Gynaecology)

REQUEST

Please provide current waiting list numbers to the closest date possible for the following procedures:

1. Diagnostic Hysteroscopy
2. Diagnostic Hysteroscopy with biopsy
3. Endometrial Ablation

RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1st July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

1. Diagnostic Hysteroscopy

St Helens and Knowsley:

Appointment Type	Waiting List
Outpatient 1 st appointment	114
Outpatient follow-up appointment	26
Inpatient appointment	0
Total	140

Southport and Ormskirk:

Procedure	Waiting List
Diagnostic Hysteroscopy	26

2. Diagnostic Hysteroscopy with biopsy

St Helens and Knowsley:

Inpatients: 8

Outpatients: We are unable to identify until the patient has had the procedure.

Southport and Ormskirk:

Procedure	Waiting List
Diagnostic Hysteroscopy with Biopsy	29

3. Endometrial Ablation

St Helens and Knowsley:

Inpatients: <5

Outpatients: We are unable to identify Endometrial Ablation.

Section 40: personal information

We are unable to provide precise figures when those figures refer to individuals in volumes of 5 or less due to the risk that individuals will be re-identified, as we are required to protect their identity under the General Data Protection Regulations & Data Protection Act 2018. In such circumstances Section 40(2) and Section 40(3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle which states that personal data should be processed "lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner". It is the lawful aspect of this principle which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure, and in such circumstances, Section 40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure.

Southport and Ormskirk:

Procedure	Waiting List
Endometrial Ablation	8