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Subject: Hysteroscopies

REQUEST

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.
 - a. Of those hysteroscopies, what is the total number per year (2013-2023 inclusive) conducted in an “outpatient setting” (not requiring overnight stay)?
 - b. Of all hysteroscopies performed, how many were performed each year (2013-2023 inclusive) without General Anaesthetic?
 - 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’)?
 - d. What is the total number of ‘did not attend / missed appointments’ for all hysteroscopies per year (2013-2023 inclusive)?
2. Do you routinely provide patient information about hysteroscopy in advance of the procedure? (Yes / No)
3. 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.)?
 - b. When is this information provided (i.e. at the hysteroscopy appointment, sent with their appointment letter, etc?)
 - c. What format does the information come in (verbal, written, video, etc.)?
4. Please provide us with a copy of the standard patient information leaflet or give a link to your Hysteroscopy information.

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.

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Please find information attached. For our Southport and Ormskirk sites, the information from the St.Helens Hospitals is not available in an easily obtainable manner.

Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust does not have to comply with a request where it is estimated that the cost of compliance would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit is specified within the regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days answering the request, either wholly or partially.

The Trust would need to undertake a manual review of records to provide an answer to your request, which the Trust estimates would be too time consuming.

- 2. Do you routinely provide patient information about hysteroscopy in advance of the procedure?**

Yes.

- 3. 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.)?**

Via post and email.

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

With appointment letter by post or when telephoned as a courtesy call, if in agreement can be e-mailed to the patient.

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

It is in leaflet format and is verbally confirmed.

- 4. Please provide us with a copy of the standard patient information leaflet or give a link to your Hysteroscopy information.**

Please find patient information leaflets attached.