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Requested:

We are interested in receiving insights from the current calendar year, from 01.01.21 until today (December 2021).

Clinic Sizes & Flexible Cystoscopies

1. How many urology units currently perform flexible cystoscopies in your hospitals for investigatory purposes?
2. How many patients are seen in urology in your hospitals per week/month/year for investigatory flexible cystoscopies?
3. Is an initial investigation the only reason for cystoscopies with flexible cystoscopes or they can be used for other reasons too? (e.g. laser, taking biopsies).
4. How many flexible, and how many rigid cystoscopes are currently in use across your hospitals?
5. How many flexible and how many rigid cystoscopies are performed – on average – per week/month/year in your hospitals?
6. Which cystoscope models do you use and how many are there of them currently in practice?
7. What cleaning/sterilisation process for flexible cystoscopes is currently in place?

Protective sheaths

8. Do you currently use a protective sheath on your cystoscopes, or are you considering to? If yes, for which cystoscope model?

Single use cystoscopes

9. Have you ever used a single-use cystoscope in your practice, or are you considering to? Please provide details on model and reason.

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that Day Surgery in Withybush General Hospital (WGH) and the Endoscopy Units in Bronglais General Hospital (BGH), Glangwili General Hospital (GGH) and Prince Philip Hospital (PPH) currently perform flexible cystoscopies for investigatory purposes.
2. The UHB provides, within the table below, the approximate number of patients seen in Urology for investigatory flexible cystoscopies, per week, month and year, by hospital, during the 2021 calendar year.

Hospital	Week	Month	Year
BGH	7	14	168
GGH	12	48	576
PPH	10	40	480
WGH	15	60	720

- The UHB confirms that flexible cystoscopes are used for initial investigation and are also used for laser, removal of stent etc.
- The UHB provides, within the table overleaf, the number of flexible and rigid cystoscopes currently in use, at each hospital.

Hospital	Flexible cystoscopes	Rigid cystoscopes
BGH	4	2
GGH	6	9
PPH	11	9
WGH	10	11

- The UHB provides, within the table below, the average number of flexible and rigid cystoscopies performed across the UHB, per week, month and year, during the 2021 calendar year.

Cystoscopies	Week	Month	Year
Flexible	39	16	1,944
Rigid	2	8	124

- The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of cystoscopes and the models currently in use across the UHB.

Cystoscopies	Number	Model
Flexible	4	Fujinon
	21	Olympus
Rigid	13	Storz
	18	Olympus

- The UHB confirms that the cleaning and sterilisation process for flexible cystoscopes commences with initial manual cleaning, followed by high level disinfection in automated endoscope washers.
- The UHB confirms that it does not use a protective sheath on cystoscopes and is not considering their use at this time.
- The UHB confirms that it has not used single-use cystoscopes and is not considering their use at this time.