

Reference:	FOI.14393.24
Subject:	Gynaecological procedures
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Requested:

Please provide the information in the prepared answer template attached.
If your trust does not provide Hysteroscopies, please reply to this email stating this.

Number of hysteroscopies

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 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)?

Hysteroscopy information delivery

1. Do you routinely provide patient information about hysteroscopy in advance of the procedure?
Y/N
2. 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.)?
 - d. *Please provide us with a copy* of the standard patient information leaflet or give a link to your Hysteroscopy information

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides the information requested in attachment 1 and attachment 2.

Where the figures in attachment 1 have been replaced with an asterisk (*), the UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients due to the low numbers of cases (less than 5), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. The UHB is therefore

withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the FOIA. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA)/UK General Data Protection Regulations, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles of the UK GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore, there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In reaching this decision, the DPA and UK GDPR define personal data as data that relates to a living individual who can be identified solely from that data or from that data and other information, which is in the possession of the data controller.

Furthermore, it should be noted that the information provided for question 1d gives the total number of did not attend/missed appointments. The reasons for non-attendance as recorded on the Welsh Patient Administration System (WPAS) include:

- Cancelled by hospital
- Could not attend
- Could not attend & discharge
- Did not attend
- Did not attend & patient discharged
- Patient not fit for procedure
- Patient seen as emergency
- Patient seen elsewhere
- Seen via other treatment here
- Treatment no longer required.