

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 21-543	20 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
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**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?**

Currently these are only undertaken at the Royal Gwent Hospital. A small number have been undertaken at the Grange University Hospital using a disposable scope if it has not been possible to transfer the patient.

**2. How many patients are seen in urology in your hospitals per week/month/year for investigatory flexible cystoscopies?**

Up to 80 – 90 patients per week.

**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).**

Cystoscopies with flexible cystoscopes are used for other reasons also.

**4. How many flexible, and how many rigid cystoscopes are currently in use across your hospitals?**

16 Flexible and 14 rigid cystoscopes.

**5. How many flexible and how many rigid cystoscopies are performed – on average – per week/month/year in your hospitals?**

Approximately 80 flexible and 40 rigid cystoscopies per week.

**6. Which cystoscope models do you use and how many are there of them currently in practice?**

The model used is Olympus and there are 16 in use.

**7. What cleaning/sterilisation process for flexible cystoscopes is currently in place?**

Wassenberg.

**Protective sheaths**

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

N/A

**Single use cystoscopes:**

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

The Health Board currently uses single-use cystoscopes. The models used are Ambu<sup>®</sup> aScope<sup>™</sup> 4 Cysto. These are for emergency usage when the equipment/testing fails. Also use when parallel clinic sessions are running.