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Your request

You requested the following:

1. Does your Trust currently have both an inpatient (day-case) pathway and an outpatient pathway for hysteroscopy?
2. Currently, roughly what percentage of your Trust's hysteroscopies are done with an anaesthetist
 - a) diagnostic?
 - b) operative (e.g. polypectomy, myomectomy, endometrial ablation)?
3. What is the current approximate waiting time in weeks for a patient who asks for a general anaesthetic, spinal anaesthetic or IV sedation with analgesia for hysteroscopy
 - a) under the 2 week wait as an urgent referral for suspected womb cancer?
 - b) not under the 2 week wait?
4. Has your Trust adopted, or is your Trust adopting the NHS Getting It Right First Time (Maternity & Gynaecology Report) targets of
 - a) 90% diagnostic hysteroscopies to be done in outpatients?
 - b) 50% operative hysteroscopies to be done in outpatients?
5. May I have a copy of the full range of pain scores obtained by your Trust in the BSGE 2019 outpatient hysteroscopy benchmarking survey?
6. Is entonox or pentrox routinely available to all your outpatient hysteroscopy patients?
7. Are local anaesthetic paracervical blocks routinely available in outpatients?
8. Please may I see any audits of hysteroscopic procedures during the last 5 years?
9. Are pain scores taken at all your outpatient hysteroscopy clinics?
10. Does your Trust have a Procedural Sedation Analgesia clinic for 'minor gynae' including hysteroscopy?

Our response

1. Yes
2. Currently, roughly what percentage of your Trust's hysteroscopies are done with an anaesthetist
 - a) diagnostic?
 - b) operative (e.g. polypectomy, myomectomy, endometrial ablation)?

Please note

The data within the table below is the number of each procedure performed by the setting (so inpatient, daycases or outpatients).

Financial Year 2022/23

Hysteroscopy Type	Daycases	Inpatients	Outpatients
Diagnostic	176	35	61
Therapeutic	331	51	

The Inpatients and Daycases are from coded data so the usual caveat of coding completeness applies that the data may not be complete.

Usual Caveats

The data may not be complete if the episode of care has not been coded by Clinical Coding. Clinical Coding use encoding software to code the diagnoses and procedures on each episode of admitted care. The target set by Welsh Government to code 95% of episodes within 3 months of the episode end.

For questions 3a and 3b, this would depends on clinical indication (USC or benign) as well as medical/anaesthetic fitness for surgery, and if the procedure needs to be performed by a specific named surgeon.

For question 4a, diagnostic hysteroscopies are offered in an outpatient Ambulatory unit if clinically indicated and with the patients agreement 90% are performed in the unit.

For question 4b, there is a pilot clinic for Heavy Menstrual Bleeding (HMB) ongoing and only 20% are performed in the outpatient setting with the remainder added to the waiting list.

5. Our response to question 5 is provided in the tables below:

I would choose this way of having the procedure if I were in the same situation again?	
Comment	% of patients
Strongly agree	81.25
Agree	6.25
Do not agree or disagree	9.375
Strongly disagree	3.125

Please indicate what would be the worst level of discomfort or pain you might

experience (or used to experience) during a period on the same scale of 0-10.	
Score	% of patients
0	9.375
1	3.125
2	3.125
3	6.25
4	15.625
5	9.375
6	9.375
7	21.875
8	9.375
9	6.25
10	6.25

Please indicate what level of discomfort or pain you experienced during the procedure on a scale of 0-10.	
Score	% of patients
0	12.5
1	0
2	3.125
3	15.625
4	18.75
5	9.375
6	6.25
7	9.375
8	6.25
9	18.75
10	0

6. Entonox is available but Pentrox is not available.
7. Yes
8. We have not taken specific audit of hysteroscopic procedures during the last 5 years.
9. Yes
10. No sedation lists are available.