

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 23-193	16 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
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**At Erectile Dysfunction clinics, where the man is examined by a female doctor:**

**1) Has the patient been forewarned this will happen and that he has a right to be examined by a male?**

No, in line with current operating practice.

**2) Is a Chaperone used by the female doctor**

All patients are asked if they require a chaperone regardless of gender.

**3) If so , what gender is the chaperone**

At present, all chaperones that are immediately available to the clinic are female. However, if a patient specifically requests a male chaperone, they are able to request one from other areas of the Health Board.

**4) Has the patient been forewarned of his right to refuse a chaperone**

The offer of chaperone should be made clear to the patient before any procedure. A patient would only have a chaperone at their request.

**5) Has the patient been forewarned of his right to request a male chaperone**

All patients are asked if they would like a chaperone, but the gender of the chaperone is not routinely discussed. If a male chaperone is specifically requested please see response to Q3.

**If any of these issues are not being made clear BEFORE the clinic, it could be construed as duress and any consent gained would be invalid In which case, any examination would be assault and damages could be sought by the patient.**

**I don't want to publish on my website inaccurate information so please respond to each question above.**