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Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to your request for information received on 4th March 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

1. The number of acute admissions of women between the ages of 18 to 35 to Gynaecology, Urology or General Surgery per year from 2013 to 2023

a. Of these women the number admissions per year with a diagnosis:

i. Endometriosis

ii. Appendicitis

iii. Ovarian pathology (ovarian torsion, cyst rupture)

iv. Pelvic Inflammatory Disease

v. Non-specific abdominal pain

vi. Other

b. Of these women and per diagnosis and speciality please can you summarise the number of those who have launched complaint through pals or equivalence

We are unable to provide this information as the information is not held in a reportable or structured format in our central system and records would have to be reviewed manually which would exceed the appropriate time limit. The Trust has to take into account the cost attributable to the time spent in locating, retrieving, and collating the information. We have therefore applied exemption Section 12 (4) (b) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000-beyond appropriate limit. The appropriate limit is set at £450.00 (18hrs @ £25 per hour). There are 650 records to review as complaints are not coded down to diagnosis. Each review could take up to 30 mins to determine if its relevant.

c. Of these women and per diagnosis please can you summarise how many had readmissions related to abdominal pain after admission related to diagnostic laparoscopy.

The Trust is unable to provide this data as it is not recorded centrally, if recorded it would be held within individual case notes. As case notes are for the care and treatment of patients, we do not request staff to

interrogate them in order to collate the information required to respond to Freedom of Information requests.

Primary Diagnosis	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Appendicitis	31	33	40	29	24	30	33	24	34	26	28
Endometriosis	30	30	32	29	34	43	48	20	18	19	17
Non-specific Abdo Pain	391	313	273	289	324	354	315	195	229	194	209
Ovarian Pathology	36	41	52	34	23	31	42	25	35	57	56
Pelvic Inflammatory Disease	31	29	28	26	24	17	17	12	13	14	16
Other	1690	1516	1489	1553	1758	1706	1781	1063	1457	1210	1371

10 year follow up data

2. Please can we have the 2013 data of number of diagnostic laparoscopies by general surgeons in women between 16 and 35.

a. Of these women please can we have the diagnosis at time of discharge in 2013 categorised as:

- i. Endometriosis**
- ii. Appendicitis**
- iii. Ovarian pathology (ovarian torsion, cyst rupture)**
- iv. Pelvic Inflammatory Disease**
- v. Non-specific abdominal pain**
- vi. Other**

b. For those women who were not diagnosed with endometriosis at the time of their discharge, can you provide information on how many of these patients received a new diagnosis of endometriosis in the period from 2013 to the present, following their discharge from the hospital stay that included the diagnostic laparoscopy. Where possible please include the year of diagnosis in a separate table. This could be summarised as 2016 – 17, 2018 - 40 etc.

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Surgeon Specialty/Discharge Diag	2013
General Surgery	
Non-specific Abdo Pain	5
Ovarian Pathology	<5
Other	<5

3. Please can we have the 2013 data of number of diagnostic laparoscopies by gynaecologists in women between 16 and 35.

a. Of these women please can we have the diagnosis at time of discharge in 2013 categorised as:

- i. Endometriosis**
- ii. Appendicitis**
- iii. Ovarian pathology (ovarian torsion, cyst rupture)**
- iv. Pelvic Inflammatory Disease**
- v. Non-specific abdominal pain**
- vi. Other**

b. For those women who were not diagnosed with endometriosis at the time of their discharge, can you provide information on how many of these patients received a new diagnosis of endometriosis

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Surgeon Specialty/Discharge Diag	2013
Gynaecology	
Endometriosis	6
Non-specific Abdo Pain	21
Pelvic Inflammatory Disease	<5
Other	13

1-5 year follow up data

4. Please can we have the 2018 till 2023 data of number of diagnostic laparoscopies by general surgeons in women between 16 and 35.

a. Of these women please can we have the diagnosis at time of discharge categorised as:

i. Endometriosis

ii. Appendicitis

iii. Ovarian pathology (ovarian torsion, cyst rupture)

iv. Pelvic Inflammatory Disease

v. Non-specific abdominal pain

vi. Other

b. For those women who were not diagnosed with endometriosis at the time of their discharge, can you provide information on how many of these patients received a new diagnosis of endometriosis in the period from laparoscopy to the present, following their discharge from the hospital stay that included the diagnostic laparoscopy.

We are unable to provide this information as the information is not held in a reportable or structured format in our central system and records would have to be reviewed manually which would exceed the appropriate time limit. The Trust has to take into account the cost attributable to the time spent in locating, retrieving, and collating the information. We have therefore applied exemption Section 12 (4) (b) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000-beyond appropriate limit. The appropriate limit is set at £450.00 (18hrs @ £25 per hour).

Surgeon Specialty/Discharge Diag	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
General Surgery						
Non-specific Abdo Pain		<5			<5	
Pelvic Inflammatory Disease	<5					

5. Please can we have the 2018 till 2023 data of number of diagnostic laparoscopies by gynaecologists in women between 16 and 35.

a. Of these women please can we have the diagnosis at time of discharge categorised as:

i. Endometriosis

ii. Appendicitis

iii. Ovarian pathology (ovarian torsion, cyst rupture)

iv. Pelvic Inflammatory Disease

v. Non-specific abdominal pain

vi. Other

b. For those women who were not diagnosed with endometriosis at the time of their discharge, can you provide information on how many of these patients received a new diagnosis of endometriosis in the period from laparoscopy to the present, following their discharge from the hospital stay that included the diagnostic laparoscopy.

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Surgeon Specialty/Discharge Diag	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Gynaecology						
Endometriosis	<5	<5			<5	<5
Non-specific Abdo Pain	10	11	<5	<5	13	6
Ovarian Pathology						<5
Other	8	7	<5	5	5	9


The Trust has a policy of not releasing information when the data involved is less than 5. This is because we feel that such low numbers could make the individuals involved identifiable and therefore may cause undue harm and distress.

To disclose this information would:

- Contravene the Data Protection Act principles in that it would amount to unfair and possibly unlawful processing, as there was a legitimate expectation by the third parties that this information would remain confidential, and
- Disclosure may cause damage or distress to the individual(s) involved, and that damage or distress would be unwarranted (section 10 of the DPA).

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



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