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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – WAITING LISTS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to waiting lists.

Question:

- May I ask for your board's current waiting list numbers for the following treatments, to the nearest date possible:
 1. Diagnostic hysteroscopy
 2. Resection/ablation of interuterine lesion (Truclear or Myosure)
 3. Endometrial ablation (Novasure)
 4. Hysterectomy

Answer:

Oupatient Services

Type	Service	Patients On List
Outpatient	Gynae Hysteroscopy New	204
Outpatient	Gynae Hysteroscopy Return	27
Outpatient	Gynae Hysteroscopy Urgent New	763

Inpatient/Daycase Procedures

Type	Local Procedure	Patients On List
Daycase	Diagnostic Laparoscopy	243
Inpatient	Diagnostic Laparoscopy	5
Daycase	Endometriosis Treatment	60
Inpatient	Endometriosis Treatment	23
Daycase	Endometriosis Treatment Joint Case	5<
Inpatient	Endometriosis Treatment Joint Case	38
Daycase	Examination Under Anaesthetic (Gynae)	33

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Daycase	Hysterectomy	5<
Inpatient	Hysterectomy	5<
Daycase	Hysterectomy ' Abdominal	5<
Inpatient	Hysterectomy ' Abdominal	29
Daycase	Hysterectomy ' Laparoscopic	159
Inpatient	Hysterectomy ' Laparoscopic	50
Daycase	Hysterectomy ' Vaginal	26
Inpatient	Hysterectomy ' Vaginal	26
Daycase	Hysteroscopy	136
Daycase	Myomectomy	5<
Inpatient	Myomectomy	20
Daycase	Robotic Hysterecotomy	5<
Inpatient	Robotic Hysterecotomy	5<
Daycase	TCRE	16
Daycase	Thermal Endometrial Ablation	5<

Note: TCRE:Trans-cervical resection of endometrium

1. The requester has asked for "diagnostic hysteroscopy" but there is no defined outpatient service or inpatient/daycase procedure that is limited to or specified as being "diagnostic" only. The number of patients currently on the waiting list for an outpatient "Hysteroscopy" appointment is given together with the number of patients waiting for a "Hysteroscopy" daycase procedure.
2. The remaining procedures mentioned by the requester are all inpatient/daycase procedures.
3. Hysterectomy procedures are easily identified with the obvious procedure names in the table below.
4. The "resection/ablation" procedures mentioned can fall under the remaining various local procedure names listed in the table below.
5. The technique/equipment used (such as "Novasure" or "Myosure") is not generally recorded and so we cannot break down the data accordingly.

To protect the identity of the individuals involved any figure of 5 or less has not been shown in the table above. Since we do not have their consent to release this data from their records, the information is exempt under section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act i.e. to provide it would breach the Data Protection Act (2018).

I hope the information provided helped with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

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