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Dear

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – GYNAECOLOGY SERVICES**

I write in response to your request for information in relation to Gynaecology services.

Question:

1. Annual programme budgeting on gynaecology services and procedures

Answer:

We do not do programme budgeting and our finance cost centre structure make it impossible to pull out Gynaecology separately.

This information is not held in a centrally extractable format. Under the Freedom of Information Act NHS Lothian is not required to create new records to enable it to respond to your enquiry. This information is not collated or held in aggregate form and it would be necessary to review all finance ledgers over the period you have requested to assemble the information you seek. Even if NHS Lothian did this – and there would be significant cost implications in doing so – it would be unable to respond in full to your request. The information requested is therefore exempt under section 12.1 – Cost.

Question:

2. Specific breakdown of expenditure on gynaecology procedures (cervical screenings, laparoscopies, endometrial biopsies, transvaginal ultrasounds).

Answer:

The enclosed spreadsheet uses the patient level costing tool to identify spend on gynaecology by procedure, within a specific procedure there may be some cases that relate to endometriosis, others that do not. Additionally the file shows the costs associated with patients where the primary diagnosis is endometriosis. The available database does not allow any more granular split. Note that where items have 5 or less patients the data has been aggregated to avoid the potential of identifying individuals.

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Question:

3. Manuel review of theatre lists for period of 5-7 years, identifying the number of procedures carried out in relation to endometriosis. Including cost per procedure/diagnosis.

Answer:

This information is not held in a centrally extractable format. Under the Freedom of Information Act NHS Lothian is not required to create new records to enable it to respond to your enquiry. This information is not collated or held in aggregate form and it would be necessary to review all case files relating to patients over the period you have requested to assemble the information you seek. Even if NHS Lothian did this – and there would be significant cost implications in doing so – it would be unable to respond in full to your request. The information requested is therefore exempt under section 12.1 – Cost.

Total costs and average cost per procedure are in the enclosed dataset.

I hope the information provided helps 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](http://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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	Sum of Total Cost	Sum of Activity		Average Cost		
Row Labels	2023/24	2024/25	2023/24	2024/25	2023/24	2024/25
Total abdominal hysterectomy NEC	£3,339,248	£3,314,793	356	326	£9,380	£10,168
5 or less procedures	£1,298,503	£1,139,868	290	261	£4,478	£4,367
Diagnostic endoscopic examination of uterus and biopsy of lesion of uterus	£554,629	£760,301	309	334	£1,795	£2,276
Endoscopic resection of lesion of uterus	£667,960	£733,158	277	270	£2,411	£2,715
Bilateral salpingoophorectomy	£717,954	£671,296	139	127	£5,165	£5,286
Unspecified vaginal excision of uterus	£444,798	£643,001	72	95	£6,178	£6,768
Unilateral salpingectomy NEC	£705,668	£589,056	149	113	£4,736	£5,213
Evacuation of products of conception from uterus NEC	£384,482	£474,361	191	191	£2,013	£2,484
Unilateral salpingoophorectomy NEC	£618,688	£456,252	93	73	£6,653	£6,250
Vacuum aspiration of products of conception from uterus NEC	£335,249	£449,595	229	223	£1,464	£2,016
Anterior and posterior colporrhaphy NEC	£349,525	£419,348	45	57	£7,767	£7,357
Unspecified diagnostic endoscopic examination of peritoneum	£335,189	£399,375	136	144	£2,465	£2,773
Endoscopic extirpation of lesion of ovary NEC	£492,873	£370,768	85	60	£5,799	£6,179
Insertion of prostaglandin pessary	£315,720	£358,832	509	484	£620	£741
Anterior colporrhaphy NEC	£164,162	£271,103	30	46	£5,472	£5,894
Posterior colporrhaphy NEC	£214,314	£205,624	39	38	£5,495	£5,411
Continuous intravenous infusion of therapeutic substance NEC	£117,095	£188,758	61	79	£1,920	£2,389
Endoscopic bilateral clipping of fallopian tubes	£109,434	£146,284	52	72	£2,105	£2,032
Excision of lesion of vulva NEC	£157,880	£140,783	62	53	£2,546	£2,656
Open myomectomy	£74,956	£134,140	7	14	£10,708	£9,581
Endoscopic destruction of lesion of peritoneum	£145,596	£129,714	49	44	£2,971	£2,948
Biopsy of lesion of uterus NEC	£110,227	£126,458	28	40	£3,937	£3,161
Unspecified diagnostic endoscopic examination of uterus	£73,741	£125,223	38	36	£1,941	£3,478
Endoscopic division of adhesions of peritoneum	£130,696	£118,950	28	30	£4,668	£3,965
Endoscopic drainage of cyst of ovary	£95,473	£113,012	19	22	£5,025	£5,137
Subtotal abdominal hysterectomy	£81,754	£104,758	9	11	£9,084	£9,523
Excision of lesion of ovary	£145,083	£101,838	22	17	£6,595	£5,990
Drainage of ascites NEC	£45,301	£95,133	14	18	£3,236	£5,285
Endoscopic injection of neurolytic substance into nerve of bladder	£86,109	£94,609	74	37	£1,164	£2,557
Intravenous blood transfusion of packed cells	£74,123	£90,607	27	18	£2,745	£5,034
Removal of intrauterine contraceptive device NEC	£75,904	£88,965	30	21	£2,530	£4,236
Abdominal hysterocolpectomy NEC	£136,145	£87,047	11	6	£12,377	£14,508

Endoscopic resection of lesion of peritoneum	£66,561	£84,524	13	19	£5,120	£4,449
Bilateral salpingectomy NEC	£51,056	£83,178	14	26	£3,647	£3,199
Diagnostic endoscopic examination of peritoneum and biopsy of lesion of peritoneum	£92,362	£69,252	23	16	£4,016	£4,328
Partial excision of vulva	£78,548	£67,997	9	14	£8,728	£4,857
Dilation of cervix uteri and evacuation of products of conception from uterus NEC	£60,311	£63,735	23	15	£2,622	£4,249
Salpingectomy NEC	£120,134	£61,411	20	14	£6,007	£4,387
Large loop excision of transformation zone	£48,202	£61,332	27	36	£1,785	£1,704
Introduction of intrauterine contraceptive device	£61,779	£61,046	26	24	£2,376	£2,544
Colposuspension of neck of bladder		£60,910		7		£8,701
Unspecified biopsy of cervix uteri	£26,546	£52,878	13	18	£2,042	£2,938
Bilateral oophorectomy NEC		£49,658		8		£6,207
Unspecified diagnostic endoscopic examination of bladder	£47,129	£49,512	22	8	£2,142	£6,189
Marsupialisation of Bartholin gland	£66,822	£47,766	23	19	£2,905	£2,514
Biopsy of lesion of omentum	£12,664	£47,450	8	11	£1,583	£4,314
Complete colpocleisis		£46,466		7		£6,638
Other specified therapeutic endoscopic operations on ovary		£45,940		9		£5,104
Biopsy of lesion of vagina	£17,719	£45,880	9	13	£1,969	£3,529
Replacement of intrauterine contraceptive device	£28,423	£45,507	20	30	£1,421	£1,517
Salpingoophorectomy NEC	£57,310	£41,325	7	6	£8,187	£6,888
Removal of urethral catheter from bladder	£56,100	£41,222	80	53	£701	£778
Diagnostic endoscopic examination of ovary and biopsy of lesion of ovary	£26,688	£40,203	8	13	£3,336	£3,093
Papanicolau smear NEC	£24,842	£38,263	13	12	£1,911	£3,189
Percutaneous transluminal embolisation of artery	£48,715	£37,912	28	21	£1,740	£1,805
Removal of displaced intrauterine contraceptive device NEC	£28,709	£34,451	11	10	£2,610	£3,445
Dye test of fallopian tube	£44,656	£32,310	19	13	£2,350	£2,485
Biopsy of lesion of vulva	£36,449	£31,963	13	12	£2,804	£2,664
Drainage of lesion of vulva	£35,501	£29,603	14	8	£2,536	£3,700
Radiofrequency ablation of endometrium	£31,333	£28,330	16	13	£1,958	£2,179
Other specified diagnostic endoscopic examination of peritoneum		£27,427		7		£3,918
Excision of lesion of anterior abdominal wall NEC		£25,307		7		£3,615
Dilation of cervix uteri and curettage of products of conception from uterus		£24,766		12		£2,064
Other specified other operations on vulva	£13,241	£22,378	7	12	£1,892	£1,865
Other specified other operations on ovary	£24,402	£17,187	8	6	£3,050	£2,865
Examination of female genital tract under anaesthetic NEC	£25,553	£16,318	13	10	£1,966	£1,632

Endoscopic destruction of lesion of uterus NEC		£15,610		6		£2,602
Other specified therapeutic endoscopic operations on uterus		£13,039		6		£2,173
Drainage of Bartholin gland	£17,298	£12,534	7	7	£2,471	£1,791
Excision of lesion of labia	£14,322	£12,237	7	6	£2,046	£2,040
Insertion of hormone into subcutaneous tissue		£10,845		7		£1,549
Examination of female genital tract under anaesthetic and Papanicolau smear		£9,122		7		£1,303
Introduction of therapeutic substance into bladder	£3,873	£3,658	20	12	£194	£305
Endoscopic freeing of adhesions of ovary	£41,106		6		£6,851	
Hydrotubation of fallopian tube	£25,513		6		£4,252	
Unspecified urethral catheterisation of bladder	£18,220		7		£2,603	
Excision of lesion of cervix uteri	£11,697		7		£1,671	
Female perineorrhaphy	£19,952		7		£2,850	
Extirpation of lesion of Pouch of Douglas	£21,247		6		£3,541	
Removal of foreign body from vagina	£17,337		6		£2,890	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£14,020,799</b>	<b>£14,753,462</b>	<b>4046</b>	<b>3920</b>	<b>£3,465</b>	<b>£3,764</b>

	Sum of Total Cost		Sum of Activity		Average Cost	
Row Labels	2023/24	2024/25	2023/24	2024/25	2023/24	2024/25
Endometriosis of ovary	£311,064	£382,798	54	69	£5,760	£5,548
Endometriosis of pelvic peritoneum	£382,096	£367,920	112	104	£3,412	£3,538
Endometriosis of uterus	£262,392	£236,438	45	42	£5,831	£5,629
Endometriosis, unspecified	£193,637	£164,534	38	41	£5,096	£4,013
Endometrial glandular hyperplasia	£79,765	£72,345	22	14	£3,626	£5,167
Endometrosis - various	£58,570	£66,714	7	10	£8,367	£6,671
Other endometriosis	£98,982	£41,756	16	9	£6,186	£4,640
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,386,506</b>	<b>£1,332,504</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>£4,716</b>	<b>£4,611</b>