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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.

Question:

3. Manual 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:

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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. 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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| Row Labels | Sum of Total Cost | Sum of Activity | | Average Cost | |
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| | | 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 |

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| 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 |
| Papanicolaou 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 |

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| 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 | |
| Total | £14,020,799 | £14,753,462 | 4046 | 3920 | £3,465 | £3,764 |

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| | 2023/24 | | 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 |
| Total | £1,386,506 | £1,332,504 | 294 | 289 | £4,716 | £4,611 |