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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 28th November 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Endometriosis Specialist service.

On 29th November 2023 we contacted you via email as in order to continue your request we require a timeframe

On the same day you replied via email with the following:

'The most up-to-date information would be best, so for the year 22-23, or 21-22 if the 22-23 year is not available'

On 21st December 2023 we contacted you via email with the following:

I have been advised that your request isn't answerable; we are able to provide the following:

Q1 – We can provide the total waiting list size – Waiting times for FU activity cannot to be measured as this is on clinical need. However, for new activity a average waiting time can be given.

Q2 – We can provide the number of FU on waiting, however unable to differentiate how many are waiting for post op (surgical or medical intervention) or waiting time as we do not have specific clinic activity for these.

Q3 – We can provide DNAs for Gynaecology overall and those who DNA'd a FU appt.

Q4, Q5, Q6, Q7 & Q8 – We do not record the diagnosis following a receipt of the referral and we do not have specific designated new or FU clinics for endometriosis or be able to provide waiting time or DNA data information.

Your request will therefore be paused until you either a. amend your request or b. confirm that what we can supply is sufficient.

On the same day you replied via email with:

'This information will be fine in this instance, thank you so much for your time and consideration of this request.'

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Note: response is amended as per your acceptance of our clarification listed above

- Q1 How many people are currently on outpatient waiting lists to be seen by gynaecology, and what is the estimated waiting time for this appointment?**
- A1 Total Gynaecology outpatient waiting list size as of 31st March 2023 – 10984
Of which are awaiting:
New appointments– 3682
Follow up appointments - 7302.
- Average wait time for a new appointment - 8.52 weeks
- Q2 Of these patients, how many are awaiting follow-up appointments? And of these, how many are awaiting follow-up after a procedure (Surgical or medical intervention) and what is the estimated waiting time for the appointment?**
- A2 Waiting times for FU activity cannot be measured as this is determined by clinical need.
- Q3 How many patients DNA outpatient appointments in gynaecology overall, and of these how many DNA follow-up appointments?**
- A3 See below:
Total Gynaecology DNA's during 2022/2023 – 2283
Of which were follow up appointment DNA's – 1341.
- Q4 How many people are currently waiting to see an endometriosis specialist consultant in outpatients, and what is the estimated waiting time for this?**
- A4 We do not record the diagnosis following a receipt of the referral and we do not have specific designated new or FU clinics for endometriosis to be able to provide waiting time or DNA data information.
- Q5 How many of these patients are awaiting a follow-up appointment with an endometriosis specialist or the endometriosis CNS? Again, I would also appreciate an estimated waiting time if possible.**
- A5 We do not record the diagnosis following a receipt of the referral and we do not have specific designated new or FU clinics for endometriosis to be able to provide waiting time or DNA data information.
- Q6 Following on from a procedure (surgical or medical intervention) for endometriosis, what is the current estimated waiting time for a follow-up appointment?**
- A6 We do not record the diagnosis following a receipt of the referral and we do not have specific designated new or FU clinics for endometriosis to be able to provide waiting time or DNA data information.

Q7 Further to this, how many patients DNA outpatient appointments for the endometriosis specialist service (with either the Endometriosis CNS and/or consultant)?

A7 We do not record the diagnosis following a receipt of the referral and we do not have specific designated new or FU clinics for endometriosis to be able to provide waiting time or DNA data information.

Q8 Additionally, how many patients DNA follow-up appointments within the endometriosis specialist service (either the Endometriosis CNS and/or consultant), if this information is available?

A8 We do not record the diagnosis following a receipt of the referral and we do not have specific designated new or FU clinics for endometriosis to be able to provide waiting time or DNA data information.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

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Yours,



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