

Diagnostic laparoscopies

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

- 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*

Answer:

Year	Gynaecology	Urology	General Surg/Med	Grand Total
2013	2140	90	1276	3506
2014	1989	86	1398	3473
2015	2164	102	1634	3900
2016	2123	83	1848	4054
2017	2507	93	1891	4491
2018	2489	122	1849	4460
2019	2653	178	1950	4781
2020	2778	124	1733	4635
2021	4838	141	2385	7364
2022	4485	172	2394	7051
2023	4545	252	3148	7945

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

Year	Appendicitis	Endometriosis	Non Specific Abdo Pain	Ovarian Pathology	Pelvic Inflammatory Disease	Other/None
2013	57	59	321	6	37	3026
2014	73	50	286	*<5	25	3036
2015	109	44	308	8	30	3401
2016	103	33	341	*<5	28	3548
2017	120	31	285	*<5	37	4015
2018	93	58	266	7	21	4015
2019	89	41	321	14	59	4257
2020	96	40	264	8	81	4146
2021	75	41	329	7	50	6862
2022	67	46	326	6	61	6542
2023	68	70	418	11	81	7297

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

Answer: 102 complaints for Eastern and Northern services from 2022 to 2023.

- 1,277 complaints for Eastern services 2013 to 2022.
- 194 complaints for Northern services from 2013 to 2022.

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.

*Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000

*Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000

*Please see full Exemptions on page 5.

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

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

Year of Laparoscopy	Pelvic Inflammatory Disease	No Diagnosis	Grand Total
2013	*<5	29	30

*Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000

*Please see full Exemptions on page 5.

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. Answer: No cases found.

3. *Please can we have the 2013 data of number of diagnostic laparoscopies by gynaecologists in women between 16 and 35.* Answer: See below Eastern Services Only. Please note that information could only be found for Northern services from 2015 onwards. This means that any data prior to this, is for Eastern services only.

a, Of these women please can we have the diagnosis at time of discharge in 2013 categorised as: Answer: Eastern Services Only

Year of Laparoscopy	Endometriosis	Non Specific Abdo Pain	Pelvic Inflammatory Disease	No Diagnosis
2013	10	9	6	113

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.

Answer: Eastern Services Only

Year of Diagnosis	Endometriosis
2013	* <5
2014	* <5
2017	* <5
2019	* <5
Grand Total	6

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

Answer: See below

d, Of these women please can we have the diagnosis at time of discharge categorised as the following:

Year of Laparoscopy	Appendicitis	Non Specific Abdo Pain	Pelvic Inflammatory Disease	Other/No Diagnosis
2018		* <5	* <5	10
2019				7
2020	* <5			* <5
2021				* <5
2022		* <5		* <5
2023	* <5	* <5	* <5	* <5

e, 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. Answer: No cases found

f, Please can we have the 2018 till 2023 data of number of diagnostic laparoscopies by gynaecologists in women between 16 and 35. Answer: see Below.

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

Year of Laparoscopy	Endometriosis	Non Specific Abdo Pain	Ovarian Pathology	Pelvic Inflammatory Disease	Other/No Diagnosis
2018	6	*<5			77
2019		*<5	*<5		69
2020	*<5	*<5	*<5		41
2021	*<5				26
2022	*<5	*<5	*<5	*<5	55
2023	7	6	*<5		74

h, 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.

Year of Diagnosis	Endometriosis
2020	*<5
2021	*<5
2022	*<5
2023	*<5

FOI Exemptions:

*Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Trust has considered your request, however, to provide you with the information requested would require the manual extraction and manipulation of information from various sources. - To carry out this work would exceed the appropriate cost limit as set out in Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is therefore exempt.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 12 (1) and defined in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if it estimates that the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit of £450 represents the estimated cost of one person spending two and a half days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving, and extracting that information.

Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000

The data held is part of a patient's medical record held within the Electronic Patient Record (EPR). This data it would not be appropriate to release under FOI as it is personal data and would not be lawful or transparent to patients to view their records for this purpose. As such it is exempt under Section 40(2) of the FOI Function as it is in breach of Principle 1 of the UK GDPR

Section 40 (2) where activity is 5 or less than 5 (*<5)

Please note that in accordance with Section 40 (2) where activity is 5 or less than 5, the Trust is unable to provide the exact information. We consider the data exempt on the following grounds:

The Trust considers that disclosure of the information risks identifying individuals. The reason for this is that the number of patients for which this applies is very low. This and the fact that the data requested relates to the RDUH Health NHS Trust only and therefore relates to patients treated in a specific location (rather than covering a larger geographical area), increases the risk of identification or self-identification.

The Trust's view is that s.40(2) is applicable because disclosure of information which could lead to a patient being identified would be a breach of the patient's rights under the Data Protection Act Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the GDPR, namely Principle 1.