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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 012592 – NICE approved treatments

FEmISA and INPUT are conducting a Freedom of Information Survey as we have found that many patients do not have access to newer, less invasive, NICE approved treatments, as they are not informed about them. It is Government policy that patients should be fully and objectively informed about their treatment options to make an informed choice. NHS Providers are also expected to be compliance with NICE Guidelines, Appraisals and Reviews as these represent the minimum quality of care that patients and the NHS should expect.

1. Please enter the name of your Trust

The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust

2. Does your Trust have a policy to ensure that all staff fully and objectively inform all patients of all their treatment options and offer them a choice of treatment? Please tick the appropriate box below

Yes

No

Don't know

If yes, please could you send us a copy of your policy.

3. How do you monitor your staff to ensure that all patients are properly and objectively informed? [Please tick all answers that apply]

Carry out patient surveys to ensure they have been given all the information about all their treatment options?

We have patient information leaflets available all treatments on our web site

We send patient information leaflets about all treatments options before their outpatient clinic so they can discuss them with their doctor

We include questions on patient information and treatment options in all patient surveys

We have a policy and expect all staff to comply

We do not have a policy and do not think this important

It is up to the individual clinician

Other - The annual Trust Mandatory Consent Audit includes questions regarding evidence that 'benefits, risks and alternatives (including no treatment)' are explained to the patient.

4. How many complaints has your Trust received in the last 2 years about lack of patient information and choice of treatment?

The Trust does not specifically record this but our total is 68 complaints in the category 'records, communication and information'

5. NICE Clinical and Diagnostic Guidelines set minimum standards that patients would expect for the quality of their healthcare. Does your Trust have a policy to ensure that all your staff comply with all NICE Clinical and Diagnostic Guidelines? Please tick appropriate box

Yes/No/Don't know

Yes – The Trust's current NICE Guidance Policy is undergoing it's planned review

Please provide us with a copy of your Trust's policy on NICE Guideline compliance.

6. How do you monitor each of your clinical departments and clinicians to ensure their compliance with all NICE Guidelines? [Please tick all that apply]

Each department is required to update all care pathways to include the latest NICE Guidelines and this is reviewed by a Director

Every care pathway is reviewed by their clinical lead to ensure compliance with all NICE Guidelines

Audits are carried out in each clinical department to ensure NICE Guideline compliance and reported to the Board
Audit and patient surveys are carried out to ensure compliance

We trust our clinicians to comply with NICE Guidelines but do not monitor this

7. How many complaints has your Trust received in the past 2 years about lack of compliance with NICE Guidelines?

The Trust does not specifically monitor this as a separate category but this may be included in a wider complaint.

8. NICE Technology Appraisal Guidance 151 (TAG 151 Jul 08) states that continuous subcutaneous insulin infusion (CSII or insulin pump) therapy is a treatment option for adults and children with type 1 diabetes who meet certain criteria. How does your Trust ensure that all patients who meet the criteria are given the option of insulin pump therapy? [Please tick all that apply]

Patients are given the information that the diabetologist thinks appropriate at their outpatients appointment ✓

We audit to ensure clinicians are using the criteria set by NICE without added restrictions ✓

There is patient information on our web site and they can help themselves ✓

Other – The Trust also has departmental information leaflets

9. Which brands of insulin pump are offered at your Trust? [Please tick the appropriate box below]

Animas - ✓

Medtronic - ✓

OmniPod - ✓

Roche (Accu-Chek). - ✓

Other (please specify)

10. What is the number of people with Type 1 diabetes registered with this Trust? –

1200 adults and 144 children

11. What is the number of patients using insulin pumps attending clinic at this Trust?

123 adults and 23 children

12. NICE Clinical Guidelines on Heavy Menstrual Bleeding (CG44 Jan '07), which includes uterine fibroids, states that all women with fibroids >3cm requiring hospital treatment must be offered hysterectomy, uterine artery embolisation and myomectomy. How does your Trust ensure that all women are given the choice of all 3 treatments and that there is no age discrimination in treatment choices given to women? [Please tick all that apply]

We have patient information leaflets available on all the fibroid treatments on our web site

We ensure that the NICE care pathway for HMB is embedded in our gynae care pathway

We audit compliance on a regular basis

We benchmark the gynae treatments carried out in our Trust against others to ensure compliance

We survey gynae patients regularly to ensure they are properly and fully informed and given all the treatment choices

We trust our gynaecologists to inform women of all appropriate treatments ✓

Other (please specify)

13. NICE Guidelines on Heavy Menstrual Bleeding state that "1.3.1 A woman with HMB referred to specialist care should be given information before her outpatient appointment." How does the Trust ensure compliance? [Please tick all that apply]

Our Trust does not comply. Patients are given the information that the gynaecologist thinks appropriate at their outpatients appointment

We do not send information out before the outpatient appointment. It is given to the patient at the outpatients appointment ✓

There is patient information on our web site and they can help themselves

Patients are surveyed regularly to ensure they receive information before outpatients clinics and are given choice

We ensure all women are sent information before outpatients clinics and we audit this with patients

Other (please specify)

14. NICE Interventional Procedures Guidance on Uterine Artery Embolisation (IPG 367

Nov '10) states that -

1.3 Patient selection should be carried out by a multidisciplinary team, including a gynaecologist and an interventional radiologist.

How does your Trust ensure multidisciplinary team working between gynaecologists and interventional radiologists to ensure women have access to all fibroid treatment recommended by NICE? [Please tick all that apply]

Our Trust provides a fibroid outpatient clinic where all patients have access to gynaecologists and interventional radiologists to discuss all treatment options

Our Trust provides a menstrual clinic as advised in RCOG HMB audit (Nov '14) ✓

All patients with fibroids have access to the interventional radiologists who carry out fibroid embolisation (UAE) to discuss this option with them ✓

Our gynaecologists confer with the interventional radiologists when they feel it necessary ✓

Our Trust does not offer (UAE), but we inform all patients about it and refer them to another hospital

Our gynaecologists are well informed and knowledgeable about UAE and refer patients where appropriate ✓

Our gynaecologists will refer patients for UAE upon request ✓

Other (please specify)

15. NICE Guidelines on Heavy Menstrual Bleeding (HMB) states that –

1.10.1 All those involved in undertaking surgical or radiological procedures to diagnose and treat HMB should demonstrate competence (including both technical and consultation skills) either during their training or in their subsequent practice.

How does the Trust ensure all gynaecologists receive adequate training on UAE - CPD

16. How is the training of gynaecologists about UAE monitored and recorded? - Revalidation and appraisal

17. How many patients referred to your Trust in the last 2 years had a primary main diagnosis of heavy menstrual bleeding - Diagnostic Code N92?

N92 as a primary diagnosis

YEAR	TOTAL NO OF PATIENTS
2014	261
2015	230
Grand Total	491

18. How many patients referred to your Trust in the last 2 years in total (i.e. both primary and secondary main diagnosis) had a diagnosis of heavy menstrual bleeding Diagnostic Code N92?

N92 in any diagnosis order

YEAR	TOTAL NO OF PATIENTS
2014	380
2015	365
Grand Total	745

19. How many patients had a primary main diagnosis of uterine leiomyoma/fibroids in the last two years Diagnostic Code D25.0 - 25.02 and D25.9?

D250, D252, or D259 as a primary diagnosis

YEAR	TOTAL NO OF PATIENTS
2014	102
2015	107
Grand Total	209

20. How many patients in total (i.e both primary and secondary main diagnosis) had a diagnosis of uterine leiomyoma/fibroids in the last two years Diagnostic Code D25.0 - 25.02 and 25.9?

D250, D251, D252, or D259 in any diagnosis order

YEAR	TOTAL NO OF PATIENTS
2014	213
2015	238
Grand Total	451

21. How many patients with a diagnosis of heavy menstrual bleeding or fibroids (N92 and D25.0- 25.02 and 25.9) had a hysterectomy in the last 2 years Code Q07.1- Q08.9?

D250, D251, D252, or D259 in any diagnosis order, with a Q071 or a Q08 in any procedure order

YEAR	TOTAL NO OF PATIENTS
2014	18
2015	10
Grand Total	28

22. What were the ages of these women who had hysterectomy in the last 2 years Code Q07.1- Q08.9? (Please indicate the numbers for each age range below)

Q071 or a Q08 in any procedure order

AGE RANGE	2014	2015	Grand Total
<29	1		1
30 - 34	2	2	4
35 - 39	3	6	9
40 - 44	16	6	22
45 - 49	15	9	24
50 - 54	5	6	11
> 54	60	62	122
Grand Total	102	91	193

23. Does your Trust provide myomectomy - surgical removal of the fibroid(s) alone?

Yes ✓

No

24. If 'Yes' how many myomectomies did your Trust perform in the last 2 years – open myomectomy code Q09.2, a endoscopic myomectomy in the last 2 years Code Q17.1?

Q092 in any procedure order

YEAR	TOTAL NO OF PATIENTS
2014	3
2015	2
Grand Total	5

25. What were the ages of the women who underwent myomectomy in the last 2 years (codes Q09.2 -9.3 + Q16.1 + Q17.1 and 17.4)? [Please indicate the numbers in each age range below]

Q092 in any procedure as per question 24.

Our Clinical Coding Dept has indicated that only a Q092 is a true Myomectomy, if you wish the full list of procedure codes you provided to be used then please let us know

TOTAL NO OF PATIENTS	2014	2015	Grand Total
30 - 34		1	1
35 - 39	1	1	2
40 - 44	1		1
45 - 49	1		1
Grand Total	3	2	5

26. Does your Trust provide uterine artery/fibroid embolisation? [Please tick the appropriate box below]

Yes

No

27. If 'No' where are patients wanting UAE referred?

N/A

28. If 'Yes' had uterine artery/fibroid embolisation in the last 2 years Code RC41Z?

Trust has taken into account L713, Y53, Z966 in procedure order. The code provided by the requestor is a HRG code

AGE RANGE	2014	2015	Grand Total
35 - 39	2		2
40 - 44	2	1	3
45 - 49	2	1	3
50 - 54	1		1
Grand Total	7	2	9

29. Does your Trust provide beds for UAE patients on a regular basis - say once a week, as are provided for hysterectomy patients?

Yes

No

Other (please specify)

30. Do your interventional radiologists have admitting rights and named consultant status?

Yes

No

Other (please specify)

31. What were the age ranges of the women who had uterine artery/fibroid embolisation in the last 2 years Code RC41Z?

Trust has taken into account L713, Y53, Z966 in procedure order, the code provided by the requestor is a HRG code

YEAR	TOTAL NO OF PATIENTS
2014	7
2015	2
Grand Total	9