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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013248 – Paediatric operations

In the interests of collating information on emergency paediatric scrotal pain and emergency scrotal exploration in children, it would be appreciated if your Trust could complete this Freedom of Information request. We would value data from each hospital separately within the Trust. For example if there are multiple hospitals within one Trust please provide separate information for each named hospital site within the Trust.

The definition of children or paediatric is 0-18 years old for this enquiry.  
The definition of 'normal working hours' for this enquiry is 0800-1700, Monday to Friday.

<b>1.) Please provide the following general hospital information:</b>	
Name of hospital	Russells Hall Hospital
Name of Trust	Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust
What is the population size of your hospital's catchment area?	400-450,000
What is the specialty of the individual advising upon the majority of the clinical information of this form?	Urology
Does your hospital have a casualty/emergency department?	Yes  If Yes is this manned 24 hrs a day in the week and weekends?  Yes
Does your hospital have a separate paediatric casualty/emergency department on site?	Yes  If Yes is this manned 24 hrs a day in the week and weekends?  Yes
Is there a 'scrotal pain' or 'suspected testicular torsion' pathway or Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) relating to this issue for paediatric patients in place at your site?	Yes
If yes, please attach the pathway or SOP and provide the date in which it was put in place, and the date for review.	Please attach to your returning email. Date put in place: >10 years ago Date for review: next year no specific date

<b>2.) At your hospital, which <i>speciality</i> and <i>grade</i> of doctor or surgeon most commonly makes the initial assessment of a paediatric patient with a suspected testicular torsion, other than A&amp;E staff? Please provide an answer for each of the following time slots provided.</b>		
	Speciality	Grade
Monday to Friday, during normal working hours	Gen surg	RSO
Monday to Friday, outside of normal working hours	Gen surg	RSO
At weekends	Gen surg	RSO

<b>3.) If a paediatric suspected testicular torsion required emergency scrotal exploration, would the operation take place at your site? Please answer the appropriate column of questions according to whether your answer is A, B or C.</b>		
	Yes / No	
<b>A:</b> Yes, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week	Yes but not below age of 3	If yes, please answer the questions in <b>Table A</b> . Ignore table B and C.

<b>B:</b> Yes, within normal working hours only		If yes, please answer the questions in <b>Table B</b> . Ignore table A and C.
<b>C:</b> No, the operation would not take place at this site		If yes, please answer the questions in <b>Table C</b> . Ignore table A and B.

<b>3.A.) Table A</b>	
Which grade and specialty of surgeon most commonly operates during normal working hours?	Registrar urology
Which grade and specialty surgeon most commonly operates outside of normal working hours on weekdays?	Registrar urology
Which grade and specialty surgeon most commonly operates on the weekend?	Registrar urology

<b>3.B.) Table B</b>	
Which grade and specialty surgeon most commonly operates during normal working hours?	N/A
On weekdays outside of normal working hours, do emergency scrotal explorations take place at your hospital? If yes please specify the grade and speciality of the surgeon that most commonly operates.	N/A
On weekends, do emergency scrotal explorations take place at your hospital? i.) If yes please specify the grade and speciality of the surgeon that most commonly operates.	Yes / No (delete as appropriate) i.) N/A
When emergency paediatric scrotal explorations are <b>not</b> performed at your site, which hospital(s) are patients transferred to for emergency scrotal exploration?	N/A
Do any surgeons travel from a separate hospital to any of the sites in your Trust to undertake emergency paediatric scrotal exploration surgery rather than transfer the patient? i.) If yes, please specify the grade and speciality of the surgeon that most commonly travels. ii.) Please specify which hospital(s) are travelled to, and which hospital(s) are travelled from, and when this happens (normal working hours, weekdays out of hours and/or weekends).	Yes / No (delete as appropriate) i.) ii. N/A

<b>3.C.) Table C</b>	
To which hospital(s) do you transfer patients, for emergency scrotal exploration?	n/a

4.) Please answer the following questions, with separate answers for the years 2013, 2014 and 2015.			
	2013	2014	2015
How many emergency scrotal explorations on paediatric patients to exclude testicular torsion were carried out at your site?	Cannot be identified through clinical coding, information would only be held in patient notes and these are exempt under the FOI Act	As 2013	As 2013
How many emergency scrotal explorations on paediatric	Cannot be identified through clinical coding,	As 2013	As 2013

patients resulted in finding an unsalvageable or infarcted testis, resulting in orchidectomy?	this information would only be held in patient notes and these are exempt under the FOI Act		
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5.) Please provide the following information about audits into paediatric testicular torsions.	
At your hospital, has there been an audit or review conducted into the length of time taken, for a paediatric patient with a suspected testicular torsion, to arrive in the operating theatre from initial triage in the emergency department?	<p>An <b>Audit of Paediatric Torsion of Testis</b> was undertaken by the Specialty of Urology in 2014.</p> <p>This was carried out by two junior doctors, Dr Saad Fyyaz and Dr Liam Hems with Mr Chakravarti the Supervising Consultant.</p> <p>The standard audited was that surgery for torsion was undertaken within 6 hours of presentation and the results indicate that this was met in 100% of cases.</p>
If yes, when were the audit(s) conducted?	n/a
If yes, what was the average time taken for a paediatric patient with a suspected testicular torsion, to arrive in the operating theatre from initial triage in the emergency department?	n/a

6.) How many cases presenting as paediatric scrotal pain or paediatric suspected testicular torsion resulted in incident reports, serious untoward incidents or legal proceedings in 2013, 2014, 2015?			
	Incident Report /Datix	SUI (Serious Untoward Incident)	Legal proceedings
<b>Number of cases in the year:</b>			
2013			0
2014			0
2015			0
Please attach an anonymised copy of all incident reports, and root cause analysis reports with outcomes identified in this question We are unable to determine this as the Datix system does not record information in the manner requested.			

7.) In your organisation, who will be the most senior clinician to review this FOI request before submission?		
Hospital title	Area of responsibility	Speciality
Mr N Hobbs (not a clinician)	Directors of Operations	Surgery, women's and children's

Please note:- the Trust's process for Freedom of Information requests is that the relevant director reviews the FOI prior to issue.