

The Dudley Group NHS Foundation request.

Freedom of Information request 015940 - Trans-vaginal ultrasound

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I would be grateful for the following information from your trust:

1. For what symptoms would a trans-vaginal ultrasound be indicated?

Any suspected gynecologically conditions, abnormal pain , bleeding , swelling of the lower limbs? pathology.

Postmenopausal bleeding.

Amenorrhoea

Follicle tracking.

Early pregnancy work

Placental localisation / vasa previa

Monitoring of cysts / fibroids.

This list is not exhaustive.

2. Are there any groups of people a trans-vaginal ultrasound would not be carried out on? - Those who decline or have not been sexually active & those who are not able to give informed consent.

1. If so, why would they not be indicated? - Because if consent is not obtained it is classed as assault

3. Does trust policy indicate that it is allowed to carry out trans-vaginal ultrasounds on those who have never been sexually active before? - In persons who are unable to give consent a best interests meeting is held - to determine if it is clinically necessary.

1. If no, what is defined as sexual activity? - We have many women (deemed at birth to be XX) who come through to scan who have not had penetrative sex but deem themselves sexually active. So, the discussion is had with the woman, and we are guided by this, informed consent is always obtained.

From a radiology department point of view - are there any policies that the team would follow, given a scan could be requested from Primary or Secondary care. Is any specific information sent out with patient appointments, any guidance or leaflet that patients are routinely sent?

- There is information sent out in the letter sent to the patient