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**Address / Email:**

Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1. the number of Colposuspensions conducted in your unit between January 2020 and January 2025.  
Of these, please clarify how many were conducted:

- open
- laparoscopically
- robotically

2. How many of these cases have needed to go back to theatre for any procedure under the care of urogynaecology/gynaecology/urology since the initial operation?

Please state, what procedures they then underwent.

**Questions 1 and 2 - A report has been run and the number of Colposuspensions conducted is less than 5 (<5)**

**As per NHS Digital rules the Trust does not publish numbers lower than 5 as this could lead to the identification of the persons involved so Exemption Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act is applied.**

The following questions, may be known by the theatre team via the surgeon's cardex (information sheet which each surgeon will have with their preference of equipment for each operation) for Colposuspension. In the worst case, it may need to be posed to the surgeons who usually perform colposuspensions but should be a quick answer:

3. "Which suture material is routinely used to suture onto the iliopectineal ligament in open cases? Please state name of suture or N/A if this route of colposuspension is not performed."

4. "Which suture material is routinely used to suture onto the iliopectineal ligament in laparoscopic cases? Please state name of suture or N/A if this route of colposuspension is not performed."

5. "Which suture material is routinely used to suture onto the iliopectineal ligament in robotic cases? Please state name of suture or N/A if this route of colposuspension is not performed."

**Questions 3 to 5 – This operation is not routinely carried out at the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, hence the low number/s for question 1 and 2. Any operation/s are done openly and suture materials used are PDs and Vicryl.**

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team  
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