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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/014921 - Pessary Management

We are writing to you and colleagues in Primary, Secondary and Tertiary care, with a freedom of information request to obtain the following data:

- 1)- How many new pessaries are inserted in your Trust/ CCG/ Practice in the last year?
 - Not known, there is no clinical code to identify pessaries so a report cannot be run for this information. Information would be recorded in patients' medical records and medical records are not accessible under the FOI Act, exemption Section 40 personal information

- 2)- How many pessaries are changed in your Trust/ CCG/ Practice in the last year?
 - See response to question 1

- 3)- What are the training requirements for a pessary practitioner in your Trust/ CCG/Practice?
 - All doctors in training have to achieve level 3 competency (independent practice) by the end of their speciality training year 5. This is achieved through direct supervision then indirect supervision. Non surgical management of prolapse, i.e. pessaries, is in Module 8 of the RCOG curriculum which should be signed off by their speciality training year 5. As doctors rotate every year some might have their level 3 already signed off others will still have supervised practice.

- 4)- Who provides pessary care in your Trust/ CCG/ Practice?
 - In our trust only doctors in Gynaecology clinics insert and/or replace pessaries