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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

Request

This FOI includes the following. Please may we have:

1. The number of acute admissions of women between the ages of 18 to 35 to Gynaecology, Urology or General Surgery per year from 2013 to 2023
 - a. Of these women the number admissions per year with a diagnosis:
 - i. Endometriosis
 - ii. Appendicitis
 - iii. Ovarian pathology (ovarian torsion, cyst rupture)
 - iv. Pelvic Inflammatory Disease
 - v. Non-specific abdominal pain
 - vi. Other
 - b. Of these women and per diagnosis and speciality please can you summarise the number of those who have launched complaint through pals or equivalence
 - c. Of these women and per diagnosis please can you summarise how many had readmissions related to abdominal pain after admission related to diagnostic laparoscopy.

10 year follow up data

2. Please can we have the 2013 data of number of diagnostic laparoscopies by general surgeons in women between 16 and 35.
 - a. Of these women please can we have the diagnosis at time of discharge in 2013 categorised as:
 - i. Endometriosis
 - ii. Appendicitis
 - iii. Ovarian pathology (ovarian torsion, cyst rupture)
 - iv. Pelvic Inflammatory Disease
 - v. Non-specific abdominal pain
 - vi. Other
 - b. For those women who were not diagnosed with endometriosis at the time of their discharge, can you provide information on how many of these patients received a new diagnosis of endometriosis in the period from 2013 to the present, following their discharge from the hospital stay that included the diagnostic laparoscopy. Where possible please include the year of diagnosis in a separate table. This could be summarised as 2016 – 17, 2018 - 40 etc.

3. Please can we have the 2013 data of number of diagnostic laparoscopies by gynaecologists in women between 16 and 35.

- a. Of these women please can we have the diagnosis at time of discharge in 2013 categorised as:
 - i. Endometriosis

- ii. Appendicitis
- iii. Ovarian pathology (ovarian torsion, cyst rupture)
- iv. Pelvic Inflammatory Disease
- v. Non-specific abdominal pain
- vi. Other

b. For those women who were not diagnosed with endometriosis at the time of their discharge, can you provide information on how many of these patients received a new diagnosis of endometriosis in the period from 2013 to the present, following their discharge from the hospital stay that included the diagnostic laparoscopy. Where possible please include the year of diagnosis in a separate table. This could be summarised as 2016 – 17, 2018 - 40 etc.

1-5 year follow up data

4. Please can we have the 2018 till 2023 data of number of diagnostic laparoscopies by general surgeons in women between 16 and 35.

a. Of these women please can we have the diagnosis at time of discharge categorised as:

- i. Endometriosis
- ii. Appendicitis
- iii. Ovarian pathology (ovarian torsion, cyst rupture)
- iv. Pelvic Inflammatory Disease
- v. Non-specific abdominal pain
- vi. Other

b. For those women who were not diagnosed with endometriosis at the time of their discharge, can you provide information on how many of these patients received a new diagnosis of endometriosis in the period from laparoscopy to the present, following their discharge from the hospital stay that included the diagnostic laparoscopy.

5. Please can we have the 2018 till 2023 data of number of diagnostic laparoscopies by gynaecologists in women between 16 and 35.

a. Of these women please can we have the diagnosis at time of discharge categorised as:

- i. Endometriosis
- ii. Appendicitis
- iii. Ovarian pathology (ovarian torsion, cyst rupture)
- iv. Pelvic Inflammatory Disease
- v. Non-specific abdominal pain
- vi. Other

b. For those women who were not diagnosed with endometriosis at the time of their discharge, can you provide information on how many of these patients received a new diagnosis of endometriosis in the period from laparoscopy to the present, following their discharge from the hospital stay that included the diagnostic laparoscopy.

Response

Q1

The number of acute admissions of women between the ages of 18 to 35 to Gynaecology, Urology or General Surgery per year from 2013 to 2023

a

Year	Admissions	Endometriosis	Appendicitis	Ovarian Pathology	Pelvic Inflammatory Disease	Non-Specific Abdominal Pain	Other
2013	2839	61	70	151	59	888	1699
2014	3252	84	58	204	59	1007	1975
2015	3538	56	53	203	63	1044	2230
2016	3680	60	74	217	53	1054	2330
2017	3441	93	59	233	48	1092	2048
2018	3825	129	61	246	43	1310	2197
2019	4357	122	83	247	73	1379	2655
2020	3719	86	90	183	25	776	2677
2021	3927	120	87	216	41	691	2935
2022	4269	114	51	222	40	790	3200
2023	4963	146	43	316	43	796	3811

This data is based on Diagnosis Code recorded in the Primary Position

b Of these women and per diagnosis and speciality please can you summarise the number of those who have launched complaint through pals or equivalence

The complaints team and the PALS team use a database system called Datix to register their complaints and concerns. Datix does not register complaints/concerns against gender, age or diagnosis and therefore is not able to give this specific information requested.

c

Of these women and per diagnosis please can you summarise how many had readmissions related to abdominal pain after admission related to diagnostic laparoscopy.

Part a does not specify diagnostic laparoscopy in the question and therefore to answer part c using this cohort would show incomparable data

Q2

Please can we have the 2013 data of number of diagnostic laparoscopies by general surgeons in women between 16 and 35

a

Year	Admissions	Endometriosis	Appendicitis	Ovarian Pathology	Pelvic Inflammatory Disease	Non-Specific Abdominal Pain	Other
2013	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5

The Trust does not publish numbers lower than 5 as this could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved and cause distress to families and friends. The number of diagnostic laparoscopies by general surgeons for the year requested is less than 5, therefore Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act has been applied.

For those women who were not diagnosed with endometriosis at the time of their discharge, can you provide information on how many of these patients received a new diagnosis of endometriosis in the period from 2013 to the present, following their discharge from the hospital stay that included the diagnostic laparoscopy.

b

None

Q3

Please can we have the 2013 data of number of diagnostic laparoscopies by gynaecologists in women between 16 and 35.

a

Year	Admissions	Endometriosis	Appendicitis	Ovarian Pathology	Pelvic Inflammatory Disease	Non-Specific Abdominal Pain	Other
2013	87	15	< 5	9	14	30	28

The Trust does not publish numbers lower than 5 as this could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved and cause distress to families and friends. The number of diagnostic laparoscopies by gynaecologists for the year requested is less than 5, therefore Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act has been applied.

For those women who were not diagnosed with endometriosis at the time of their discharge, can you provide information on how many of these patients received a new diagnosis of endometriosis in the period from 2013 to the present, following their discharge from the hospital stay that included the diagnostic laparoscopy.

b

Year	Endometriosis
2013	< 5
2014	< 5
2017	< 5
2020	< 5
2022	< 5

The Trust does not publish numbers lower than 5 as this could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved and cause distress to families and friends. The number of females not diagnosed for the year requested is less than 5, therefore Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act has been applied.

Q4

Please can we have the 2018 till 2023 data of number of diagnostic laparoscopies by general surgeons in women between 16 and 35.

a

Year	Admissions	Endometriosis	Appendicitis	Ovarian Pathology	Pelvic Inflammatory Disease	Non-Specific Abdominal Pain	Other
2018	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5
2019	15	< 5	< 5	8	< 5	9	< 5
2020	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5

2021	5	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5
2022	6	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5
2023	5	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5	< 5

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For those women who were not diagnosed with endometriosis at the time of their discharge, can you provide information on how many of these patients received a new diagnosis of endometriosis in the period from laparoscopy to the present, following their discharge from the hospital stay that included the diagnostic laparoscopy.

b

Year	Endometriosis
2020	< 5

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Q5

Please can we have the 2018 till 2023 data of number of diagnostic laparoscopies by gynaecologists in women between 16 and 35.

a

Year	Admissions	Endometriosis	Appendicitis	Ovarian Pathology	Pelvic Inflammatory Disease	Non-Specific Abdominal Pain	Other
2018	90	19	< 5	11	< 5	49	18
2019	75	15	< 5	8	10	30	21
2020	34	5	< 5	8	< 5	16	10
2021	22	< 5	< 5	6	< 5	10	7
2022	31	11	< 5	< 5	< 5	15	6
2023	46	15	< 5	< 5	< 5	21	8

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b For those women who were not diagnosed with endometriosis at the time of their discharge, can you provide information on how many of these patients received a new diagnosis of endometriosis in the period from laparoscopy to the present, following their discharge from the hospital stay that included the diagnostic laparoscopy.

Year	Endometriosis
2018	< 5
2020	5
2021	5
2022	< 5
2023	< 5

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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

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