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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

Under the *Freedom of Information Act* I would like to request the following information:

1. Does your Hospital/Trust run a reproductive medicine or sub-fertility clinic (defined as a gynaecology clinic specifically for those looking to conceive or that may be impacted by infertility)
2. If no to question 1: How are referrals for infertility treated at your Hospital/Trust e.g referred to general gynaecology clinic, rejected, referred to an alternative provider
3. If yes to question 1: How many patients have been seen in this clinic for the last 3 years (please complete table below)

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New/Initial Consultation			
Follow Up Consultation			

4. If yes to question 1: How many patients have been on the waiting list for the last 3 years for New and Follow up consultations in the reproductive medicine or sub-fertility clinic?(please complete table below)

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5. If yes to question 1: How many patients are currently on the New Consultation waiting list for a reproductive medicine or sub-fertility clinic?
6. If yes to question 1: How many patients are currently on the Follow Up Consultation waiting list for a reproductive medicine or sub-fertility clinic?
7. If yes to question 1: What has been the average weeks wait for New and Follow Up consultations in the reproductive medicine or sub-fertility clinic for the last 3 years? (please complete table below)

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- 8. If yes to question 1: What is the current average weeks wait for New and Follow Up consultations in the reproductive medicine or sub-fertility clinic
- 9. If yes to question 1: What is the longest wait time currently for a New and Follow Up consultations in the reproductive medicine or sub-fertility clinic
- 10. If yes to question 1: How many patients have been seen for a New or Follow Up consultation in the reproductive medicine or sub-fertility clinic in the last 3 years? (please complete table below)

Patients Seen	Apr -21 - Mar 22	Apr -22 - Mar 23	Apr - 23 - Mar 24
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- 11. If yes to questions 1: What are the names of the doctors providing this service
- 12. If yes to question 1: What is the new to follow up ratio for this clinic for the past 3 years (please complete table below)

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Response

- 1) Does your Hospital/Trust run a reproductive medicine or sub-fertility clinic (defined as a gynaecology clinic specifically for those looking to conceive or that may be impacted by infertility).

The Trust does not have a specialist fertility clinic, we offer ovulation induction if indicated.

- 2) If no to question 1: How are referrals for infertility treated at your Hospital/Trust e.g. referred to general gynaecology clinic, rejected, referred to an alternative provider.

Patients are then referred to the GP for specialist advice if required for referral to assisted conception units, the Trust rarely refers directly to a tertiary unit when intervention such as tubal surgery is needed – this is for a minority of patients.

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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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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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

Yours sincerely

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