

FOI 2490

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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

**Q1. Please provide the total number of hysteroscopies performed at your Trust annually between 2013 and 2023 (inclusive).**

**Response:**

The total number of hysteroscopies performed within the Southern Health and Social Care Trust (SHSCT) between 1 January 2013 and 31 December 2023 is 9,982. This is based on procedure codes for primary or secondary operations and outpatient with procedures.

Number of Finished Consultant Episodes, Day Cases and Outpatient Attendances										
2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
1086	1120	1149	1216	747	972	1178	660	590	542	722

**Q1a. Of those hysteroscopies, what is the total number conducted in an “outpatient setting” (not requiring overnight stay)?**

**Response:**

The total number of hysteroscopies conducted in an “outpatient setting” is 4114.

Number of Outpatient Attendances										
2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
145	137	256	464	128	456	672	481	477	410	488

**Q1b. Of all hysteroscopies performed, how many were performed with General Anaesthetic?**

**Response:**

The total number of hysteroscopies performed with General Anaesthetic from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2023 was 5868.

Number of Finished Consultant Episodes, Day Cases										
2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
941	983	893	752	619	516	506	179	113	132	234

**Q1c. Of those performed with General Anaesthetic what is the number of hysteroscopies attempted that failed (the procedure was attempted but not completed).**

**Response:**

Unfortunately, the SHSCT is not able to extract this information.

**Q2.What is the total number of missed appointments for all hysteroscopies?**

**Response:**

The total number of missed appointments for hysteroscopies from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2023 is 232.

	2015	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Grand Total
DNAs	4	1	33	54	23	32	36	11	194
Canc on day of Clinic	0	0	1	3	8	13	13	0	38

**Q3. Do you routinely provide patient information about hysteroscopy in advance of the procedure? Y/N (Please feel free to select multiple options if applicable)**

**Response 3:**

Yes the SHSCT routinely provide patient information about hysteroscopy in advance of the procedure. Some outpatients may receive the information at their first gynaecological appointment. For the majority of patients within outpatients they will receive patient information leaflets about hysteroscopy with their appointment letters in the post.

For those getting General Anaesthetic they receive information with their appointment letter which contains information about fasting and which ward or day surgery unit they are to attend.

**Q3a. How is this information provided to the patient (via post, via email, in the waiting room, etc.)?**

**Response:**

This information is posted to the patient or given to the patient at their first gynaecological outpatient appointment.

**Q3b. When is this information provided (i.e. at the hysteroscopy appointment, sent with their appointment letter, etc?)**

**Response:**

The information is provided along with the hysteroscopy appointment letter or at their first gynaecological outpatient appointment.

**Q3c. What format does the information come in (verbal, written, video, etc.,)?**

**Response:**

The information is in written format.

**Q3d. Please provide us with a copy of the standard patient information leaflet or give a link to your OPH information.**

**Response:**

Please see enclosed our patient information leaflets:

Attachment 1 - OPHIL Leaflet



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and Social Care Trust

Attachment 2 - Outpatient-Hysteroscopy leaflet

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