

FOI 2051

5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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

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### **Question:**

**A: January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 – January 31<sup>st</sup> 2020**

**B: January 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 – October 31<sup>st</sup> 2023**

**Please provide the information broken down by month, if possible.**

- 1. How many patients were on waiting lists for endometriosis surgery during the period outlined above?**

*The SHSCT do not currently code for endometriosis surgery for patients on a waiting list.*

- 2. How many women received surgery for endometriosis during the period outlined above?**

*The number of patients who received surgery with a diagnosis of endometriosis is outlined below.*

*A: January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 – January 31<sup>st</sup> 2020: 13*

*B: January 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 – October 31<sup>st</sup> 2023: 11*

- 3. How many women are currently on waiting lists for endometriosis surgery as of October?**

*The SHSCT do not currently code for endometriosis surgery for patients on a waiting list.*

- 4. What is the average waiting time for endometriosis surgery during the period outlined above?**

*The SHSCT do not currently code for endometriosis surgery for patients on a waiting list*

- 5. What was/is the longest waiting time for endometriosis surgery during the period outlined above?**

*The longest waiting time for endometriosis surgery from when the patient was added to the waiting to when they had surgery was one year and 6 months*

- 6. How many women were sent to Dublin to have surgery?**

*Gynaecological services within the SHSCT do not currently send patients to Dublin to have surgery.*

**7. How many were outsourced to the private sector both in Northern Ireland and ROI? In this instance could we have a breakdown between NI and ROI, please?**

*Gynaecological services within SHSCT do not currently outsource to the private sector in Northern Ireland or ROI.*

**8. How many endometriosis surgeries have been postponed due to theatre's being required for other patients? And is this mainly cancer patients?**

*Within SHSCT all patients are categorised on a waiting list according to urgency. Patients are selected in clinical priority and chronological order regardless of their diagnosis.*

**9. Are there any women who have been on a surgery list since 2018 still waiting to be treated?**

*The total number of patients on our waiting list from 2018 is 2, this includes Inpatient and Day cases. However we are unable to identify if patient is on the waiting list specifically for endometriosis. All patients are categorised on a waiting list according to urgency. Patients are selected in clinical priority and chronological order regardless of their diagnosis.*

**10. How many outpatient attendances have there been for all endometriosis patients since 2021 – November 20<sup>th</sup> 2023?**

*SHSCT are unable to provide this information as there is no separate outpatient waiting list for endometriosis. Within SHSCT all patients are categorised on a waiting list according to urgency. Patients are selected in clinical priority and chronological order regardless of their diagnosis.*

**11. How many women are on an outpatient waiting list for endometriosis treatment?**

*SHSCT are unable to provide this information as there is no separate outpatient waiting list for endometriosis. Within SHSCT all patients are categorised on a waiting list according to urgency. Patients are selected in clinical priority and chronological order regardless of their diagnosis.*

Please note

Due to the limitations of coding the SHSCT cannot identify severe endometriosis cases. We provided data on patients who have a diagnosis of Endometriosis. The SHSCT do not have separate endometriosis waiting lists for inpatient and day case surgery, nor endometriosis as an outpatient. Within SHSCT all patients are categorised on a waiting list according to urgency. Patients are selected in clinical priority and chronological order regardless of their diagnosis.

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