

Endometriosis Pathway

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1st April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your organisation.

In regard to questions 2a through to 5 (inclusive), please provide the above information for the five financial years ending 2022/23. Please may you provide me with:

1. Is there a pathway in place for endometriosis?

Answer: The Trust has a clear referral pathway from primary care into our Gynaecology services, to our specialist endometriosis clinics. We do not have a specific guideline for endometriosis however this is covered by multiple other guidelines within the service.

a. If so, please provide the date of inception for the guideline(s) and the date of any subsequent update?

Answer: Not applicable, please see answer to question 1.

b. The name, title and other role designation(s) of the clinical lead for the guideline(s), and any URL to where the guideline(s) can be viewed on your website?

Answer: Not applicable.

2. Does your Trust treat endometriosis patients or refer them to a specialist centre?

Answer: The Trust is a Specialist Centre and treats patients with endometriosis.

a. If the Trust does refer, how many women were referred to a specialist centre?

Answer: The Trust has not previously had a specific endometriosis clinic, this has recently been set up. The Trust are unable to provide patient numbers as patients have been recorded as being seen as 'Gynaecology' patients and not recorded specific to the condition as requested.

b. *How many women were treated for endometriosis in your Trust?*

Answer:

Financial Year	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Total	184	161	107	227	247

3. *How many women that attended A&E were subsequently diagnosed with endometriosis?*

Answer:

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Total	42	29	48	72	75

a. *How many of these women were admitted overnight?*

Answer:

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Total	29	23	33	57	59

4. *How many women diagnosed with endometriosis have attended A&E?*

Answer:

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Total	*29	*39	*46	*39	47

**Royal Devon Northern Services do not hold the data for 2018/19 – 2021/22.*

5. *How many women that were diagnosed were given a prescription for dienogest?*

Answer: This medication is not on the formulary and is not currently prescribed.

6. *How many women are waiting for endometriosis surgery and what is the average waiting time?*

Answer: The Trust does not hold this information. The Trust does not record patients waiting for specific 'endometriosis' surgery. The average waiting time for 'Gynaecology' surgery is 4 months.