

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

RF23-391

### Request:

1. Is there a pathway in place for endometriosis?
  - a. If so, please provide the date of inception for the guideline(s) and the date of any subsequent update?
  - 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?
2. Does your Trust treat endometriosis patients or refer them to a specialist centre?

### **For questions 3 to 8 please provide for the past five financial years (ending 2022/23)**

3. If the Trust does refer, how many women were referred to a specialist centre?
4. How many women were treated for endometriosis in your Trust?
5. How many women that attended A&E were subsequently diagnosed with endometriosis?
6. How many of these women were admitted overnight?
7. How many women diagnosed with endometriosis have attended A&E?
8. How many women that were diagnosed were given a prescription for Dienogest?
9. How many women are waiting for endometriosis surgery and what is the average waiting time (as at date of request 28/06)?

### Response:

We can confirm East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHUFT) holds the information you have requested.

1. Please see the attached document named 'Endometriosis Guideline V2'
2. EKHUFT treats the patients
3. N/A
4. The table below shows the number of admissions where Endometriosis is the primary diagnosis. 'Yes' means they have had a procedure/s which look likely to be related to their endometriosis e.g. freeing adhesions, ligaments, extirpation of lesions, resections, Ureterolysis, hysterectomy, salpingoophorectomy for ovary lesions etc.

'No' and 'blank' means it's unlikely they had treatment – e.g. no procedure recorded, or just a diagnostic procedure recorded.

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>(blank)</b>	<b>Total</b>
01/04/2018	196	25	28	249
01/04/2019	204	43	18	265
01/04/2020	54	37	12	103
01/04/2021	195	63	22	280
01/04/2022	205	51	21	277
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>1,174</b>



5. To obtain this information would involve reviewing all the records of women who attended the Emergency Department and if they have ever had a diagnosis on the system for endometriosis at any point after their visit. This would exceed the appropriate cost limit as set out in section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.
6. The table below shows the number of patients from question 5 who were admitted

	<b>Admitted</b>	<b>Not Admitted</b>	<b>Total</b>
01/04/2018	28	83	111
01/04/2019	33	106	139
01/04/2020	27	91	118
01/04/2021	19	116	135
01/04/2022	15	99	114

7. The table below shows the number of patients with a diagnosis of Endometriosis against their attendance

	<b>Total</b>
01/04/2018	111
01/04/2019	139
01/04/2020	118
01/04/2021	135
01/04/2022	114

8. Information not held as we are unable to link a prescription to an Emergency Department attendance.
9. Diagnosis is not recorded on the waiting list. To obtain this information would involve reviewing each patient record to confirm why they are on the waiting list. As there are currently 999 patients waiting this would exceed the appropriate cost limit set out in section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

**(DATE OF RESPONSE: JULY 2023)**