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Dear Requestor

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information, received on 14 August, regarding gynaecology and orthopaedic best practice. We have processed your request in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Under the FOIA, public authorities like ours are required to respond to requests for information within 20 working days. In response to your request, I can confirm that we partially hold the information requested.

Please find below our response to your request:

Section A: Endometriosis – NICE Guideline NG73

FOI Question	ICB Response
1a. Does the ICB provide specific guidance or care pathways to primary care providers regarding suspected endometriosis?	Yes.
1b. Do you monitor adherence to these referral pathways? If so, please share any evaluation reports from the past 2 years.	Yes. However, we do not hold any monitoring reports relating to the past two years.
2a. Which specialist endometriosis centres are commissioned?	Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust.
2b. What are the waiting times for referral to specialist endometriosis services?	The ICB does not hold this level of information as it only holds the data relating to the Gynaecology specialty and not the sub clinics/services below this level. Gynaecology waiting times are publicly available online via the My Planned Care website and by selecting Gynaecology. - Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust - https://www.myplannedcare.nhs.uk/mids/nottingham/ - Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - https://www.myplannedcare.nhs.uk/mids/sherwood-forest/
3a. Do commissioned services include access to a full MDT?	The ICB does not hold the requested information for questions 3a and 3b. You may wish to contact individual providers to request this and how to submit a Freedom of Information request to each provider can be found on their websites linked below. - Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust - https://www.nuh.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information - Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - https://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/freedom-of-information/
3b. How many patients were referred to an MDT in the past 12 months?	

4a. Does the ICB maintain oversight of surgical qualifications for endometriosis?	No.
4b. How many patients underwent laparoscopic surgery for endometriosis in the last 12 months?	272 patients during 2024/25 (do not hold full year data for 2025/26)
5a. Has the ICB conducted or funded endometriosis awareness campaigns since 2020?	No.
6a. Does the ICB collect or audit data on endometriosis diagnosis, treatment, or outcomes?	No.
6b. If so, please provide the most recent audit or performance data.	Not applicable.

Section B: Hip Replacement – NICE Guideline NG157

FOI Question	ICB Response
1a. Does the ICB use formal criteria (e.g. Oxford Hip Score) for referral eligibility?	Providers are expected to follow national clinical guidance, including NICE and GIRFT recommendations, as well as the ICB's Value Based Commissioning Policy
1b. Are triage services commissioned prior to secondary care referral?	Yes.
2a. Are patients provided with NICE-compliant decision aids and information?	Yes.
2b. Is shared decision-making formally monitored or audited?	No.
3a. Does the ICB influence implant choice via policy or contracts?	No.
3b. Are providers required to use ODEP 10A-rated implants?	Providers are expected to follow NICE guidance, including ODEP 10A standards.
3c. Is implant selection and revision rate data tracked?	The ICB does not hold the requested information for question 3c. You may wish to contact individual providers to request this (see links provided at Section A: 3a and 3b).
4a. Are providers expected to follow ERAS pathways?	Yes.
4b. What is the average length of stay for hip replacements?	2024/25 average: 2.25 days.
5a. Are all patients offered post-operative rehabilitation?	Yes.
5b. Is rehabilitation delivered in hospital, community, or both?	Both.
5c. What follow-up protocols are in place post-surgery?	The ICB does not hold the requested information for question 5c. You may wish to contact individual providers to request this (see links provided at Section A: 3a and 3b).
6a. Does the ICB collect or review outcome data (e.g. PROMs, complications)?	No.
6b. If so, please provide the most recent audit or summary data.	Not applicable.

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Yours sincerely

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