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Freedom of information request

I am writing in response to your request for information which has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

1. How many gynaecologists within your organisation perform laparoscopic procedures requiring morcellation?
2. How many power morcellators do you purchase per annum for gynaecology?
3. How many power morcellators do you use in gynaecology per annum?
4. How many laparoscopic hysterectomies requiring morcellation do you perform annually?
5. How many laparoscopic myomectomies requiring morcellation do you perform annually?
6. For patients requiring morcellation, do you routinely perform pre-operative MRI?
7. For patients requiring morcellation, do you routinely perform pre-operative endometrial sampling/biopsy?
8. During the consent process, do you specifically consent for power morcellation in gynaecology?
9. During the consent process, what risk of inadvertent leiomyosarcoma do you quote during hysterectomies/myomectomies for benign fibroids?
10. During the consent process, what risk do quote for spread of inadvertent leiomyosarcoma from power morcellation?
11. Has your organisation ever encountered inadvertent leiomyosarcoma following hysterectomy or myomectomy for presumed benign indications? If so, many?
12. Do you have information leaflet about morcellation in gynaecology?
13. What audit procedures do you have in place for gynaecologists participating in power morcellation?

We do not have a morcellator or carry out this procedure at SASH.

I hope this information is helpful, but if you are unhappy with our response, or the way in which your request has been handled, you may request an independent internal review. This would be undertaken by an appropriate senior member of staff at the Trust, who has had no involvement in dealing with your original request. We aim to deal with internal reviews within 20 working days following receipt. If you wish to request one, please set out your grounds for asking for the review in writing and send it by post or email:

By post: Please address your letter to “Freedom of Information – Information Access Appeal” and send it to our address as shown on this letter.

By Email: Emails should be clearly marked ‘Information access appeal’ and sent to: foi@sash.nhs.uk.

Should you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you would have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO). However, I should point out that under section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, you are obliged to exhaust the Trust’s own internal review process before appealing to the ICO. The ICO’s contact details are:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113
<http://ico.org.uk>

We would also welcome your feedback on how well we met your expectations in handling your FOIA request. If you have a couple of minutes, please click on this [link](#) to complete our Freedom of Information Customer Satisfaction Survey and let us know about your experience. The survey is anonymous – unless you choose to provide your reference number.

Please contact me, quoting our reference, if you have any queries concerning this letter and I will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely

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FOI Officer