

30 March 2023

Dear

ATISN 17280 – Endometriosis

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 15 March 2023. You have requested as follows:

I am interested in information or statistics between 2019 and 2023. We are looking for statistics; I am not looking for names or any information which would break HIPPA laws.

I would be interested in getting a breakdown by each health board in Wales if possible, as well as an over-all picture of the current situation in Wales i.e. general statistics for Wales, and then those statistics localised to health boards in Wales.

Specifically, I am looking for information on the following:

- *How many people in Wales are currently seeking treatment for endometriosis?*
- *How many people in Wales have been diagnosed with endometriosis?*
- *How many people are waiting for a referral to a gynaecologist for endometriosis?*
- *How many people are on the waiting list for laparoscopic surgery?*
- *How long is the waiting list currently for laparoscopic surgery?*
- *How much does laparoscopic surgery on the NHS cost the taxpayer?*

Our response

Welsh Government does not hold the information requested. Instead, it may be possible to obtain detailed information on NHS waiting lists in Wales from Digital Health and Care Wales (DHCW). Further information and contact details can be found at the link below:

<https://dhw.nhs.wales/use-of-site/freedom-of-information/>

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely,