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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Eligibility criteria for IUD/coil provision

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold some of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

Home, Community, Hospital.

FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
Please provide the following information relating to your sexual health service's provision of intrauterine devices (IUDs/coils):				
1. Any current written policies, clinical guidelines, or eligibility criteria governing access to IUD/coil fitting within your service.	Sexual Health staff at the Call Centre have a written SOP which provides details around the booking of patients for IUS/IUDs Please see FOI 1281 Q1.			
2. Whether IUDs/coils are provided by your service for non-contraceptive purposes (including but not limited to management of dysmenorrhoea, menorrhagia, endometriosis or cycle regulation).	The Sexual Health Service is only commissioned for the provision of contraception IUS/IUDs.			
3. Whether eligibility for IUD/coil fitting is contingent on pregnancy risk, sexual activity with men, or use for contraception.	The Sexual Health Service is commissioned for the provision of contraception IUS/IUDs. If a patient is of childbearing age and has the potential for future pregnancy, then a IUS would be appropriate for our service to fit.			
4. Any guidance provided to clinicians on assessing patient eligibility where contraception is not required for pregnancy prevention. • If policies differ by clinic site within your service, please provide details for each site.	Clinical staff within the Sexual Health Service are aware of the indications for IUS/IUD fits as outlined in question 3. The Sexual Health Service is only commissioned for the provision of contraception IUS/IUDs.			
Please also provide the following information relating to IUD/coil provision within your sexual health service:				
5. The average and median waiting time for IUD/coil fitting appointments over the last 12	We do not monitor the average/median waiting times for IUS/IUD fits.			

months. Whether waiting times differ depending on the stated reason for fitting (e.g. contraception vs non-contraceptive medical use).	The Sexual Health Service is only commissioned for the provision of contraception IUS/IUDs. If a patient attended today requiring an IUS fit, we are currently booking these with a 5 week wait.			
6. Whether patients seeking IUDs/coils for non-contraceptive purposes are routinely referred elsewhere (e.g. GP or gynaecology services), and if so, to which services.	Patients directly contacting the service for non-contraception IUS/IUD fits and advised to attend their GP for appropriate management (ie practice to arrange in house IUS fit, or refer to gynaecology services).			
7. Any prioritisation criteria used when allocating IUD/coil fitting appointments.	If a patient attended today requiring a routine IUS/IUD fit, we are currently booking these with a 5 week wait. If a patient requires a copper IUD for emergency contraception, this is booked with a CoSRH-registered coil fitter within the recommended time at one of our county sites.			

I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

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Yours faithfully

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