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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

- 1. The number of gynaecologists with expertise in (a) diagnosing and managing endometriosis and (b) training and skills in laparoscopic surgery (as defined in NICE guidance* on endometriosis) working within your Trust.**

There are 4 consultants, within East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust, who have endometriosis experience; no consultants are able to do the scanning. All of the consultants can do diagnostic laparoscopy and treat mild endometriosis but in terms of specific endometriosis management.

- 2. The number of gynaecology specialist nurses with expertise in endometriosis (as defined in NICE guidance* on endometriosis) working within your Trust.**

The Trust do not have any Gynaecology specialist nurses with an expertise in endometriosis.

- 3. The number of healthcare professionals with an interest in gynaecological imaging (as defined in NICE guidance* on endometriosis) working within your Trust.**

None of the Trust's consultants have a specific interest, or particular expertise, in endometriosis scanning.

* **Endometriosis: diagnosis and management, Page 6, section 1.1.3:**

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng73/resources/endometriosis-diagnosis-and-management-pdf-1837632548293>

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If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely

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