

FOI REF: 25/250

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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:

- 1. The number of Colposuspensions conducted in your unit between 01 January 2020 and 31/12/2024.**

There has been one Colposuspension procedure conducted within East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust during the period requested.

Of these, please clarify how many were conducted: open, laparoscopically, and/or robotically.

The procedure was done abdominally through the lower abdomen and then vaginally to insert the muscle through the bladder neck wall.

- 2. How many of these cases have needed to go back to theatre for any procedure under the care of urogynaecology/gynaecology/urology since the initial operation? This should be in the first 30 days after the Colposuspension whether in the same admission or a re-admission.**

Please state, the suture material used in the index surgery (Colposuspension) whether permanent or absorbable, what procedures they then underwent in the readmission.

Zero, the surgery appears to have been successful, and the patient was discharged at follow-up three months later; they have not since needed any gynae appointments.

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3. The following questions, may be known by the theatre team via the surgeon's cardex (information sheet which each surgeon will have with their preference of equipment for each operation) for Colposuspension. In the worst case, it may need to be posed to the surgeons who usually perform colposuspensions but should be a quick answer:
- a. Which suture material is routinely used to suture onto the iliopectineal ligament in open cases? Please state name of suture or N/A if this route of colposuspension is not performed.
 - b. Which suture material is routinely used to suture onto the iliopectineal ligament in laparoscopic cases? Please state name of suture or N/A if this route of colposuspension is not performed.
 - c. Which suture material is routinely used to suture onto the iliopectineal ligament in robotic cases? Please state name of suture or N/A if this route of colposuspension is not performed.

Not applicable. Colposuspensions are not routinely carried out within the Trust, with only one procedure carried out during the period requested.

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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