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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to vaginal mesh surgeries.

You asked:

- 1. The number of surgeries performed using vaginal mesh to treat pelvic organ prolapse or urinary incontinence for the last available fiscal year and previous years (up to 10 years in the past)*
- 2. The total number of pelvic organ prolapse surgeries that were performed on women and men (separate statistics) between 01 April 2018 and 01 April 2019*
- 3. The total number of patients who were recommended pelvic floor muscle training as treatment for their pelvic organ prolapse between 01 April 2018 and 01 April 2019*

In terms of pelvic organs, I refer to the pelvic organs such as the bladder, uterus, vagina, bowel, and rectum.

Trust response:

1. To pick up the numbers required for this first question. In searching for any instance of the above diagnosis in any position PLUS the instance of any of the above procedure codes in any position, there were the following number of patients by financial year going as far back as 2010/11.

Row Labels	Count of DistrictNumber
2010/11	35
2011/12	33
2012/13	31
2013/14	33
2014/15	19
2015/16	18
2016/17	9
2017/18	11
2018/19	2
Grand Total	191

2. We have been advised by our Coding Team that this would be where there was the instance of any of the same diagnosis codes as used for the first question plus ANY primary procedure code. If someone has the diagnosis of the above, then the surgery would be to correct this. They advised there are too many possible code and options to be able to accurately list specific procedure codes to pull out, but this way of doing it should give the most likely correct numbers. Just to confirm that this means that the numbers detailed in question 1 would also be included in the below numbers. This second question was asking for financial year 18/19, so the 2 patients in 18/19 above are also contained in the 18/19 below.

Using this criteria, numbers as follows for financial year 2018/19 split by male and female as requested:

Row Labels	Male	Female	Grand Total
2018-04	34	55	89
2018-05	26	57	83
2018-06	21	37	58
2018-07	36	48	84
2018-08	33	49	82
2018-09	39	70	109
2018-10	30	62	92
2018-11	41	71	112
2018-12	31	41	72
2019-01	42	47	89
2019-02	33	37	70
2019-03	34	74	108
Grand Total	400	648	1048