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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 trans-vaginal ultrasounds.

You asked:

- 1. For what symptoms would a trans-vaginal ultrasound be indicated?
- 2. Are there any groups of people a trans-vaginal ultrasound would not be carried out on?
- a. If so, why would they not be indicated?
- 3. Does trust policy indicate that it is allowed to carry out trans-vaginal ultrasounds on those who have never been sexually active before?
- a. If no, what is defined as sexual activity?

Trust response:

- 1. Fibroids, pelvic pain and some obstetric scans e.g. placenta location
- 2. Yes.
- a. Patients that decline or are not sexually active are the main reasons.
- No
- a. This is left to the patient to define when asked.