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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_260_26

You asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the adoption of modern surgical technology within adult urology services, specifically regarding the treatment of phimosis and related conditions.

Information Requested:

1. Does the Health Board utilize disposable circular stapling anastomat devices (e.g., ZSR, CircCurer, or generic automated stapling equivalents) for adult therapeutic procedures?

We can confirm that the Health Board does not utilize disposable circular stapling anastomat devices (e.g., ZSR, CircCurer, or generic automated stapling equivalents) for adult therapeutic procedures.

2. If yes, please specify the preferred mechanism of the device used (e.g., pistol-grip or dual-handle/scissor-grip construction).

Not applicable.

3. What is the average theatre time allocated for a traditional hand-sutured procedure versus an automated stapler procedure for adult patients?

We can confirm that the Health Board does not hold this information - As automated stapler procedures are not undertaken within the Health Board and hand-sutured procedure average times are not captured.

4. Are these procedures performed in a Day Case unit/community setting or a Main Operating Theatre under general anaesthesia?

Traditional hand-sutured procedures are carried out in Day Case Units across our three acute district general hospitals.

5. In accordance with the Montgomery v Lanarkshire (2015) ruling, does the Board provide information to adult patients on the choice between traditional freehand surgery and automated stapling alternatives?

The Health Board does not currently offer automated stapling alternatives. Therefore, we do not hold this information.