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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: SCCL-FOI-2024/25-146

Thank you for your FOI request received by the FOI office for the following information:

- The [REDACTED] is used to relieve symptomatic prolapse of the Uterus where patients are either unwilling or unfit (chronic illness, old age) for surgery and the ring Pessary falls out. The [REDACTED] can be used as a stopgap, where surgery needs to be delayed or the patient requires limited relief. After initial fitting with a Medical Practitioner/ Gynaecologist, the maximum allowable time the Vaginal Pessary should be fitted without removal, for review and cleaning, is 3 months. After which the device should be cleaned and re-fitted.

Please would you respond to the following questions:

1. Name:
2. Job Title:
3. Hospital:
4. Over the last two calendar years (Jan 23 – Nov 24) has your hospital/organisation experienced any failure of the [REDACTED] Vaginal Pessary after implanting that relate to the materials used?
5. Over the last two calendar years (Jan 23 – Nov 24) has your hospital/organisation experienced any Adverse Events that were not reported to the MHRA and what side effects or adverse events occurred?
6. For the population of patients that your hospital uses an implanted Vaginal Pessary, do you feel there are other devices available that performs the same tasks as the [REDACTED] Vaginal Pessary and which devices seem to have less adverse effects on this group of patients?
7. Are the ranges of sizes of the [REDACTED] Vaginal Pessary from 51mm – 101mm adequate for your patient population?
8. Can you describe your experience of using the [REDACTED] Vaginal Pessary with your patients and would you recommend its use to other clinicians at other Hospital or wider audience?

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and can confirm SCCL does not hold this information. You may wish to direct your request to the Hospitals/trusts where there are clinicians using the products in question.

We hope that this response addresses your request. However, if you are dissatisfied with this response, you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to the postal or e-mail addresses above, quoting the reference number above. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

As part of any internal review the handling of your information request will be reassessed by a member of SCCL staff who was not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you will have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

If you require any further information do not hesitate to contact the FOI team.

Yours sincerely

FOI Team

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