

Dear Madam/Sir,

In the interests of collating information on emergency paediatric scrotal pain and emergency scrotal exploration in children, it would be appreciated if your Trust could complete this Freedom of Information request.

We would value data from each hospital separately within the Trust. For example if there are multiple hospitals within one Trust please provide separate information for each named hospital site within the Trust.

The definition of children or paediatric is 0-18 years old for this enquiry.

The definition of 'normal working hours' for this enquiry is 0800-1700, Monday to Friday.

1.) Please provide the following general hospital information:	
Name of hospital	Bristol Royal Hospital for Children
Name of Trust	University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
What is the population size of your hospital's catchment area?	5 million for specialist services
What is the specialty of the individual advising upon the majority of the clinical information of this form?	Paediatric Surgery/Urology
Does your hospital have a casualty/emergency department?	Yes <i>If Yes is this manned 24 hrs a day in the week and weekends?</i> Yes
Does your hospital have a separate paediatric casualty/emergency department on site?	Yes <i>If Yes is this manned 24 hrs a day in the week and weekends?</i> Yes
Is there a 'scrotal pain' or 'suspected testicular torsion' pathway or Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) relating to this issue for paediatric patients in place at your site?	No
If yes, please attach the pathway or SOP and provide the date in which it was put in place, and the date for review.	Not applicable

2.) At your hospital, which <i>speciality</i> and <i>grade</i> of doctor or surgeon most commonly makes the initial assessment of a paediatric patient with a suspected testicular torsion, other than A&E staff? Please provide an answer for each of the following time slots provided.		
	Speciality	Grade
Monday to Friday, during normal working hours	Paediatric surgery/urology	Registrar
Monday to Friday, outside of normal working hours	Paediatric surgery/urology	Registrar
At weekends	Paediatric surgery/urology	Registrar

3.) If a paediatric suspected testicular torsion required emergency scrotal exploration, would the operation take place at your site? Please answer the appropriate column of questions according to whether your answer is A, B or C.		
	Yes / No	
A: Yes, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week	YES	If yes, please answer the questions in Table A. Ignore table B and C.
B: Yes, within normal working hours only	Not applicable	If yes, please answer the questions in Table B . Ignore table A and C.
C: No, the operation would not take place at this site	Not applicable	If yes, please answer the questions in Table C . Ignore table A and B.

3.A.) Table A	
Which grade and specialty of surgeon most commonly operates during normal working hours?	Paediatric surgery/urology Registrar
Which grade and specialty surgeon most commonly operates outside of normal working hours on weekdays?	As above
Which grade and specialty surgeon most commonly operates on the weekend?	As above

3.B.) Table B	
Which grade and specialty surgeon most commonly operates during normal working hours?	Not applicable
On weekdays outside of normal working hours, do emergency scrotal explorations take place at your hospital? If yes please specify the grade and speciality of the surgeon that most commonly operates.	Not applicable
On weekends, do emergency scrotal explorations take place at your hospital? i.) If yes please specify the grade and speciality of the surgeon that most commonly operates.	Not applicable
When emergency paediatric scrotal explorations are not performed at your site, which hospital(s) are patients transferred to for emergency scrotal exploration?	Not applicable
Do any surgeons travel from a separate hospital to any of the sites in your Trust to undertake emergency paediatric scrotal exploration surgery rather than transfer the patient? i.) If yes, please specify the grade and speciality of the surgeon that most commonly travels. ii.) Please specify which hospital(s) are travelled to, and which hospital(s) are travelled from, and when this happens (normal working hours, weekdays out of hours and/or weekends).	Not applicable

3.C.) Table C	
To which hospital(s) do you transfer patients, for emergency scrotal exploration?	

4.) Please answer the following questions, with separate answers for the years 2013, 2014 and 2015.			
	2013	2014	2015
How many emergency scrotal explorations on paediatric patients to exclude testicular torsion were carried out at your site?	71	58	56
How many emergency scrotal explorations on paediatric patients resulted in finding an unsalvageable or infarcted testis, resulting in orchidectomy?	6	5	7

5.) Please provide the following information about audits into paediatric testicular torsions.	
At your hospital, has there been an audit or review conducted into the length of time taken, for a paediatric patient with a suspected testicular torsion, to arrive in the operating theatre from initial triage in the emergency department?	No
If yes, when were the audit(s) conducted?	Not applicable
If yes, what was the average time taken for a paediatric patient with a suspected testicular torsion, to arrive in the operating theatre from initial triage in the emergency department?	Not applicable

6.) How many cases presenting as paediatric scrotal pain or paediatric suspected testicular torsion resulted in incident reports, serious untoward incidents or legal proceedings in 2013, 2014, 2015?			
	Incident Report /Datix	SUI (Serious Untoward Incident)	Legal proceedings
Number of cases in the year:			
2013	None	None	None
2014	None	None	None
2015	None	None	None
Please attach an anonymised copy of all incident reports, and root cause analysis reports with outcomes identified in this question.			

7.) In your organisation, who will be the most senior clinician to review this FOI request before submission?		
Hospital title	Area of responsibility	Speciality
Bristol Royal Hospital for Children	-	Paediatric urology

End of Freedom of Information request.