

Gynaecology Overview

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Waiting Times

Outpatients (Average waiting time for first appointment)

- General Gynaecology – 58 Weeks
- Urogynaecology- 54 Weeks
- Fertility – 49 Weeks
- Menopause – 43 Weeks
- Endometriosis – 19 Weeks
- Paediatrics - 29 Weeks

We are currently outsourcing some services to HealthHarmonie to support elective recovery.

Inpatients (Average waiting time to be seen based on clinical priority from the decision to add to the waiting list)

Urgent – 6 Weeks

Soon – 20 Weeks

Routine – 25 Weeks



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Choice and Access

Acute Services

- All acute services are at New Cross Hospital
- Gynaecology Assessment Unit (GAU) & Early Pregnancy Assessment Unit (EPAU).
 - Available Monday to Friday 8am – 4pm
 - Out of Hours via Emergency Department
 - The service can be accessed by GPs who can directly contact via telephone and refer emergency patients via Nurse led triage.
 - Direct Access for patients (following telephone triage)
 - Emergency Service Support via Surgical Emergency Unit (out of hours)
 - Emergency Surgery



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Outpatient Services

- General Gynaecology
 - Suspected Cancer Referral
 - Nurse Led Triage within 3 days of referral
 - One Stop Clinics (Ultrasound Scan, Consultation and Hysteroscopy/ Biopsy)
- Urogynaecology
 - Urodynamics
 - Video Urodynamics
 - Pessary Clinics
- Endometriosis
 - Lifestyle Clinics



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• Outpatient Services – continued

- Fertility
- Menopause
- Paediatrics
- Gynaecology Oncology – Level 3 Specialist Centre
 - Cancer Navigator supporting patients with Holistic needs.
- Ambulatory
 - Hysteroscopy
 - Minor Procedure
 - Colposcopy (Screening Service & Treatment service)



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Outpatient Services continued:

- Advice and Guidance available for GPs to access.
- Services are provided at New Cross Hospital & some services at Cannock Hospital (site appropriate to pathways).
- Patient choice of female Doctor (For some sub specialities we are not able to offer this choice due to the workforce).

Inpatient Services – Based at New Cross Hospital

- Patients are contacted via telephone at time of booking.



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Initiatives in progress

- Endometriosis Centre Status – Providing a service for patients diagnosed with complex endometriosis and able to provide Robotic surgery.
- Minor outpatient procedures
- Expanding Ambulatory Gynaecology
 - Expanded the service to offer a 5-day service for patient referred via the suspected cancer pathway.
 - Urogynaecology – Exploring opportunities in setting up outpatient procedures
- Nurse Led Triage – for suspected cancer patients
- Specialist Robotic surgery available for Oncology and Endometriosis
- Exploring options to expand the current GAU/EPAU Service from a 5 to 7-day service
- Same Day Discharge – for selected Laparoscopic Hysterectomy surgical cases to improve patient experience and reduce length of stay for patient undergoing vaginal surgery.

• Initiatives in progress - continued

- PIFU (Patient Initiated Follow Up)
- Virtual Clinics.
- Nurse Led Clinics for patients with acute minor problems.
- Bereavement Nurse Led Clinics – For patients & partners who have experienced early pregnancy loss
- GIRFT – Further Faster Initiatives to support with elective recovery
- Expanding our multi professional teams
- Future workforce and resources review being undertaken



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Collaboration across the Black Country

- Working collaboratively across the Integrated Care Systems (ICS) with the aim of reducing health inequalities across the Black Country.
 - High Volume Low Complexity Pathways
 - Black Country Endometriosis Service
 - Workforce Review across the ICS
 - Streamlining GP referral Guidelines
 - Vulva Service Development
 - Health Hubs within the Community
- We are working together within the ICS utilising the GIRFT (Getting It Right First Time) metrics to improve services.
- Collaboration with One Wolverhampton (primary and secondary care)
 - Education
 - Exploring options around Community Clinics

Partner Agencies

- One Wolverhampton
- Safeguarding Agencies
- Learning Disability Teams
- Imperial College London, Charring Cross Specialist Centre
- West Midlands Regional Genetics Centre
- Black Country Maternal Mental Health Service
- The Lotus Service Midlands Maternal Mental Health
- Wolverhampton Talking Therapies
- The Lily Mae Foundation
- Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent Talking Therapies
- HUGS Charity
- Macmillan
- CREATE – Fertility
- BUPA Counselling
- Local Authority – DWP
- BSCCP – Cervical Screening Programme
- Social Services/ Advocates



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How we support Diversity

- Respect patients and their choices and wishes and encourage patients to speak up
- Support patients by encouraging them to bring a relative/friend or carer
- Longer appointment as determined by patient need.
- Sign Language Services
- Provide hoists for patients
- We provide interpreters (face to face or language line)
- Patient information is available in different languages
- Access to the Learning Disability Team
- Discussions have taken place with the Transgender community particularly around attending for cervical screening.

Thank you
Any Questions



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