**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.

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| 1. **Please provide the following general hospital information:** | |
| Name of hospital | Heartlands Hospital |
| Name of Trust | Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust |
| What is the population size of your hospital’s catchment area? | 1.2 million |
| What is the specialty of the individual advising upon the majority of the clinical information of this form? | (delete as appropriate)  General Surgery |
| Does your hospital have a casualty/emergency department? | Yes  If Yes is this manned 24 hrs a day in the week and weekends?  Yes |
| Does your hospital have a separate paediatric casualty/emergency department on site? | Yes  If Yes is this manned 24 hrs a day in the week and weekends?    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? | Yes |
| If yes, please attach the pathway or SOP and provide the date in which it was put in place, and the date for review. | Please see attached  Date put in place:2011  Date for review: Overdue |

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| 1. **At your hospital, which *speciality* and *grade* 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 | General surgery | Core trainee |
| Monday to Friday, outside of normal working hours | General surgery | Core trainee |
| At weekends | General surgery | Core trainee |

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| 1. **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 | Yes | 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 |  | If yes, please answer the questions in **Table C**. Ignore table A and B. |

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| **3.B.) Table B** |  | |
| Which grade and specialty surgeon most commonly operates during normal working hours? | | General surgery: Specialist trainee |
| 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. | | General surgery: Specialist trainee |
| 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. | | Yes  i.)General surgery: Specialist trainee |
| When emergency paediatric scrotal explorations are **not** performed at your site, which hospital(s) are patients transferred to for emergency scrotal exploration? | | Birmingham Children’s Hospital |
| 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). | | No |

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| 1. **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? | 12 | 9 | 10 |
| How many emergency scrotal explorations on paediatric patients resulted in finding an unsalvageable or infarcted testis, resulting in orchidectomy? | Not Known | Not Known | Not Known. |

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| 1. **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? |  |
| 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? |  |

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| 1. **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 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2014 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2015 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Please attach an anonymised copy of all incident reports, and root cause analysis reports with outcomes identified in this question. | | | |

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| 1. **In your organisation, who will be the most senior clinician to review this FOI request before submission?** | | |
| Hospital title | Area of responsibility | Speciality |
| Heartlands Hospital | Consultant surgeon | General surgery |

**End of Freedom of Information request.**