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Dear Requester

Thank you for your information request received by us on 21/01/2016

This request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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**Our response:**

- 1) *In each of the last three calendar years how many women a year are diagnosed with Pelvic Congestion Syndrome (PCS)?***

We do not use this as a clinical diagnosis

- 2) *In each of the last three calendar years how many women have received a diagnostic test for PCS?***

Non for that directly

- 3) *On average how many diagnostic tests do women presenting with pelvic pain receive prior to formal diagnosis?***

Usually 2 -3 this could include ultrasound and laparoscopy. If these tests do not show a cause occasionally an MRI will be performed.

- 4) *What information is offered to women who present with pelvic pain?***

The normal information provide includes: Endometriosis, PMS and dysfunctional bowel

- 5) *On average, how much money a year is spent on diagnostic tests for women presenting with pelvic pain?***

As we do not test for this clinical diagnosis alone we are unable to provide this information

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