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Cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Freedom of Information request **Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 23-C-048**

You asked:

Please could you supply me with the accreditation requirements, that the Swansea Accredited Centre for Mesh Complications, had to attain to become an accredited centre.

There are no other accreditation methodology for mesh centres other than that offered by the British Society of Urogynaecology (BSUG). This is the only accreditation acknowledged by the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

The assessment is based upon the training of consultants, their qualifications, the facilities in the unit, multidisciplinary team (MDT) members, the standards used within the unit for audit and monitoring of all surgical and conservative outcomes plus research publications

What training did the centre (surgical team) have to undertake, who accredited them, and what ongoing requirements are needed to maintain the accreditation.

The unit has two full time consultants trained in this field and the Urogynaecology team based in the pelvic floor unit at Singleton Hospital were assessed and accredited by BSUG in 2022.

Both Consultants have undertaken the specialist sub-specialty uro-gynaecology training developed by the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

The date for re-accreditation has not yet been set but is expected to be in around five years' time. Our subspecialised Urogynaecology teaching programme and trainee is assessed at yearly intervals.

Also how are they recording and publishing patient outcomes.

All patients are registered on a bespoke database developed in house for mesh



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complication. Outcomes of Mesh slings have been published in a randomised controlled trial and also mesh sheets for prolapse surgery.

Outcomes of mesh removal surgery will be published in due course.

