












Characteristics of IUD available in the UK and prescribable on the NHS

Device	Design	Copper Content (mm ²)	Minimum uterine depth	Maximum uterine depth	Inserter tube width	IUD dimension	Licensed duration of use	Price (BNF 2016)
T-Safe 380A QL[®] (Quick load) ≈ TT 380 Slimline[®] ≈ Copper T 380A[®]		380 (banded)	6,5 cm	9 cm	4,75 mm	Width: 31,8 mm Length: 35,8 mm	10 years	£10.47 (T-Safe QL) £12.46 (TT 380) £8.95 (Copper T)
Nova T 380[®] ≈ UT 380 Standard[®] ≈ Novaplus T 380[®] Cu ≈ Neo-Safe[®] T 380		380 (unbanded)	6,5 cm	9 cm	3,6 mm	Width: 32 mm Length: 32 mm	5 years	£15.20 (Nova T) £11.22 (UT 380) £10.95 (Novaplus) £13.31 (Neo-Safe)
Mini TT 380 Slimline[®]		380 (banded)	5 cm	na	4,75 mm	Width: 23.2 mm Length: 29,5 mm	5 years	£12.46
UT 380 Short[®] ≈ Novaplus T 380[®] Cu Mini		380 (unbanded)	5 cm	7 cm	3,6 mm	Width: 32 mm Length: 28,4 mm	5 years	£11.22 (UT 380) £ 10.95 (Novaplus)
Multiload[®] Cu375 ≈ Multi-Safe[®] 375 ≈ Load[®] 375		375 (unbanded)	6 cm (Load [®] >7 cm)	9 cm	3,6 mm	Width: 19,5 mm Length: 32,5 mm	5 years	£9.24 (Multipload) £8.96 (Multisafe) £7.95 (Ancora) £8.52 (Load)
Flexi T 300[®]		300 (unbanded)	>5 cm	na	3,0 mm	Width: 22,8 mm Length: 29,15 mm	5 years	£9.47
GyneFix[®] Standard		330 (frameless)	Suitable for all uterine sizes	Suitable for all uterine lengths	4,0 mm	Width: 2,2 mm Length: 30 mm	5 years (also suitable as EC IUD)	£27.11

Characteristics of IUS available in the UK and prescribable on the NHS

Device	Design	Levonorgestrel (mg)	Minimum uterine depth	Maximum uterine depth	Insertor tube width	IUS dimension	Licensed duration of use + indications	Price (BNF 2018)
Mirena®		52	6 cm	10 cm	EvoInsertor 4,4 mm <small>(Original inserter: 4,75 mm)</small>	Width: 32 mm Length: 32 mm	5 years Licensed indications: contraception, HMB, endo- metrial protection (part of HRT)	£88.00
Jaydess®		13,5	na	na	EvoInsertor 3,8 mm	Width: 28 mm Length: 30 mm	3 years Licensed indication: contraception only	£69.22
Kyleena®		19,5	na	na	EvoInsertor 3,8 mm	Width: 28 mm Length: 30 mm	5 years Licensed indication: contraception only	£76.00
Levosert®		52	5,5 cm	na	Two-handed technique 4,8 mm	Width: 32 mm Length: 32 mm	4 years (currently, trial ongoing) Licensed indication: contraception and HMB	£66.00

Notes:

- T-Safe 380A QL® or equivalent banded devices are the IUD “gold standard”.
- Any IUD containing 380 mm² can be used as emergency contraception or kept in situ till the menopause if inserted at the age of 40 or over.
- **Devices highlighted in yellow:** devices routinely in stock in the Tayside Sexual & Reproductive Health Service
- **Devices shadowed grey:** sub-standard devices delivering less than 380 mm² copper

Abbreviations:

EC= emergency contraception
HMB= heavy menstrual bleeding
HRT= hormone replacement therapy
na= information not available

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