**Maternity**

**Ref: 2413 (January 2017)**

Dear Nick

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information enquiry from Weston Area Health NHS Trust.

1.       Are you holding organs or tissue samples or bodies of foetuses that were miscarried, stillborn, aborted or of children up to one year old, pending disposal?

     Yes, Products of conception from miscarriages and terminations.

2.       If yes to qu 1, please report how many organs, tissue samples, body parts or bodies of foetuses that were miscarried, stillborn, aborted or of children up to one year old you have retained and still have?

Approximately 30-50 retained whilst awaiting collection for disposal 3-4 times per year

3.       In how many of these cases of foetuses that were miscarried, stillborn or aborted or of children up to one year old **which have been retained and you still have** was consent given by the nearest relatives to take, use and dispose of organs or tissue samples or body parts or bodies?

All miscarriages that undergo surgical evacuation of products of conception are consented pre-procedure for sensitive disposal of fetus/placenta or alternatively woman can take home for burial after histological assessment

Women who undergo surgical termination of pregnancy for non fetal abnormality are not consented for retention or sensitive disposal

For children up to one year these will be dealt with by UHB or coroner

As a midwife-led unit Ashcombe Birthing Centre does not deliver women having (known) stillbirths – they are cared for at UHB

4.       In how many of these cases of foetuses that were miscarried, stillborn or aborted or of children up to one year old **which were retained but have since been disposed of** was consent given by the  nearest relatives to take, use and dispose of organs or tissue samples or body parts or bodies?

Under section 1 the Trust is unable to obtain this as due to the way this information is stored, it would take in excess of 18 hours of staff time (set at £25 per hour) to locate and read all medical notes, therefore exempt under Section 12 of the FOI Act.

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**Ref: 2438 (January 2017)**

Dear Ben

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information enquiry from Weston Area Health NHS Trust.

1. Does the trust run a midwife-led unit for births – either stand-alone or alongside. If so please specify which.

Weston Area Health NHS Trust run a midwifery led stand-alone birth centre.

If not please discount the rest of the questions as they are not relevant

2. How many women started their deliveries at the midwife-led unit in 2015/16?

236 women

3. How many women started their deliveries at the trust’s consultant-led maternity unit(s)?

N/A

4. For women who started their deliveries at midwife-led unit, please state how many stillbirths occurred in 2015/16?

0

5. For women who initiated their deliveries at the consultant-led unit(s), how many stillbirths occurred in 2015/16?

N/A

6. Of the deliveries which began in midwife-led units, please state how many serious untoward incidents occurred in 2015/16?

If possible, please provide a list of the types of SUIs which occurred in question 6.

0

7. Of the deliveries which were initiated in consultant led units, please state how many serious untoward incidents occurred in 2015/16?

If possible, please provide a list of the types of SUIs which occurred in question 8.

N/A

8. For births initiated in midwife-led units, please state how many

a) Resulted in haemorrhage                                                                                                         11

b) 4th degree tear                                                                                                                               0

c)  Trauma to baby that required extended stay (of a week or more) in hospital    0

9. For births initiated in consultant-led unit(s), please state how many

All N/A

a) Resulted in haemorrhage

b) 4th degree tear

c) Trauma to baby that required extended stay (of a week or more) in hospital

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**Ref: 2457 (January 2017)**

Dear Amy

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**Ref: 2470 (January 2017)**

Dear Alex

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information enquiry from Weston Area Health NHS Trust.

I would like to request the following information for the hospitals/clinics in your trust that deal with patients that require obstetrics, Coloproctology and/or gynaecology services. The information I am requesting concerns the usage, price and supplier of the following surgical instruments.

**2016 EROS Orders for Proctoscopes and Haemorrhoid Injection Sets ordered by Weston Area Health NHS Trust**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Surgical instrument** | **Supplier/product code:** | **Price inclusive of delivery £** | **Quantity/box size per Order** | **Total usage for 2016** |
| **Spackman Cannula** |  |  |  | **0** |
| **Fetal Blood sampling** |  |  |  | **0** |
| **Proctoscopes** | **STERICOM**  **SMA 2024** | **The Trust is unable to provide this information as it believes it is contrary to Section 43 of the FOI Act (commercially sensitive information)** | **Each** | **4** |
| **NHS SUPPLY CHAIN            FFE062** | **The Trust is unable to provide this information as it believes it is contrary to Section 43 of the FOI Act (commercially sensitive information)** | **Pack of 25** | **3** |
| **NHS SUPPLY CHAIN            FFE067** | **The Trust is unable to provide this information as it believes it is contrary to Section 43 of the FOI Act (commercially sensitive information)** | **Pack of 25** | **1** |
| **Haemorrhoid Banding Device (Injection Set)** | **NHS SUPPLY CHAIN**  **FTK063** | **The Trust is unable to provide this information as it believes it is contrary to Section 43 of the FOI Act (commercially sensitive information)** | **Each** | **22** |

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**Ref: 2510 (February 2017)**

Dear Rosie

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information enquiry from Weston Area Health NHS Trust.

1. What is the current (or most recent figure available) average waiting time in your Trust for patients who have been referred by a consultant or other doctor for NHS-funded IVF to start receiving treatment?

2. Does the trust also offer patients the option of self-funding or private IVF?

3. If yes to Q2, what is the current (or most recent figure available) average waiting time for patients to start receiving private/self-funding IVF treatment offered through the Trust after being referred by a consultant or other doctor?

4. Please state: A) the cost to the Trust of one standard cycle of IVF for patients receiving NHS-funded treatment. B) If yes to Q2, the price for one standard cycle of IVF for patients who self-fund and/or opt for private treatment offered through the Trust.

5. A) Please state how many consultants are employed by the NHS Trust to work in the fertility department. B) Of these, please state how many also work privately.

6. A) Are NHS-funded patients approved for IVF treatment offered the choice of any paid-for extra treatments or additional procedures when they undergo IVF at the Trust? B ) If yes, please list each additional treatment or procedure available, along with its price.

Weston Area Health NHS Trust does not provide IVF services, all patients would be referred to St Michael’s Hospital, Bristol.

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**Ref: 2542 (March 2017)**

Dear Paul

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information enquiry from Weston Area Health NHS Trust.

Q1) How many babies were born with neonatal abstinence syndrome (showing signs of drug addiction because of their mother taking drugs during pregnancy) at hospitals run by your trust in each of the past five financial years?

Ashcombe Birth Centre within Weston Area Health NHS Trust is a midwife-led birth centre, specialising in low-risk births.  Any complications within pregnancies and delivery including addictions  would be dealt with at St Michaels Hospital, Bristol.

Q2) Please breakdown the figure from Q1. giving the age of each mother and the substance she was addicted to?

Q3) Please tell me how much it cost to care for these babies as well as the mothers with addictions to illegal drugs in a hospital/other facility your NHS Trust runs in each of the past five financial years?

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**Ref: 2549 (March 2017)**

Dear Laura

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information enquiry from Weston Area Health NHS Trust.

1)            Please state the number of babies that were injured during delivery when tools to assist in delivery were used, for example a vacuum extractor or forceps.

Please provide information for each of the following calendar years:

i)             2014

ii)            2015

iii)           2016

iv)           2017 to date

As the Ashcombe Centre is a midwife led unit, all mothers with concerns in their labour would be transferred to St. Michaels Hospital, Bristol.

2)            Of these babies injured, please provide a breakdown of injuries that they suffered. Please provide a summary of each incident, including the cause of the injury.

Please provide information for each of the following calendar years:

i)             2014

ii)            2015

iii)           2016

iv)           2017 to date

N/A

3)            Please state the number of babies injured during delivery due to hospital error.

      Please provide information for each of the following calendar years:

      i)             2014

      ii)            2015

      iii)           2016

      iv)           2017 to date

N/A

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**Ref: 2578 (March 2017)**

Dear Sean

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**Ref: 2582 (March 2017)**

Dear  Cath

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information enquiry from Weston Area Health NHS Trust.

1. How many occasions have maternity units at the Trust been closed to new admissions in 2014, 2015 and 2016. Please supply figures for each calendar year.

**2014 – none**

**2015 – one**

**2016 – two**

2.      For each such closure, please state the duration of and the reason for the closure.

**2015 – Black escalation in Trust – 2 days 10hrs,**

**2016 – staffing - 7.5hrs & Black Escalation in Trust – 7 days**

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**Ref: 2612 (March 2017)**

Dear Liam

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information enquiry from Weston Area Health NHS Trust.

1. For 2016,

a)  How many babies were born with drug addiction/ drug dependency. With a breakdown of which drugs they were addicted to.

As the Ashcombe Centre is a midwife led unit, all mothers with concerns in their pregnancy/labour would be transferred to St. Michaels Hospital, Bristol.

2. and 3. Same for 2015/2014

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**Ref: 2637 (April 2017)**

Dear Neil

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information enquiry from Weston Area Health NHS Trust.

1. Number of occasions maternity wards and/or services were closed for 1 hour or more.  
  
I'd like this information for both the years 2014/5, 2015/6, and if possible 2016/7

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2014/2015** | **2015/2016** | **2016/2017** |
| **Q 1** | **1** | **0** | **2** |

2. Number of women who requested a midwife's attendance at a planned home birth but where a midwife was not provided.

Due to the small cohort of the hospital, surrounding area and the very low numbers involved, Weston Area Health NHS Trust data is withholding this information under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.  Putting this information into the public domain could result in anyone with local knowledge of the hospital/area being able to identify the patients concerned. This would breach the hospital’s obligations under the Data Protection Act and therefore this information cannot be disclosed.

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