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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/012876 – Maternity patients

1. The number of maternity patients classed as high risk, classed as low risk, and classed as intermediate risk (or any other categories) when each patient’s record was last updated

We do not, strictly speaking, classify patients by levels of risk, but rather by the level of care which is deemed appropriate to the patient during assessments in the period of pregnancy through to delivery. We have two levels of care for hospital deliveries, namely care by consultant-led team (higher level) and care by midwives (lower level). As pregnancy progresses, patients may move from care by midwives to care by consultant-led teams, the last level of care for those delivering in hospital are as follows :

Count of Deliveries	Year						Grand Total
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
CONSULTANT	2909	3061	2939	3120	3436	3564	19029
NHS MIDWIFE - HOSPITAL	1762	2064	1859	1406	858	741	8690
Grand Total	4671	5125	4798	4526	4294	4305	27719

2. The maternity unit’s policy on referrals to midwife led units for each year: specifically the factors considered high risk (such as specific BMI, sexual activity, specific age threshold, previous history etc). If policies are not available for each year please provide the most recent versions available. –

For a copy of the policy please contact FOI@dgh.nhs.uk quoting the reference number FOI/012876 and a copy will be forwarded to you

3. The name of the database software used to store information on maternity patients (e.g. Euroking, etc) and the data dictionary for that data. A data dictionary is merely a list of the column names (fields) used to store the data, such as risk classification, risk factor etc

We use standard and site-specific dataset screens within our PAS system OASIS provided by Allscripts. The data dictionary within OASIS is user-definable, but allows mapping to national NHS Data Dictionary values where applicable.