

Freedom of Information request 013200

Pregnant theatre staff in orthopaedic operating rooms: A national review of the guidelines

I am requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act.

For copies of attachments as mentioned below please contact FOI@dgh.nhs.uk quoting reference number 013200

- Name of Trust	Dudley Group NHS FT
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1) Does your occupational health department have any departmental guidelines relating to pregnant staff who work in theatre, in order to protect the health of the mother and baby from radiation and other harmful substances?	Yes but contained within Health and Safety Department risk assessments. The risk assessment is generic and is adapted at a local level.
2) If yes to (1), please provide these guidelines or policies in full as a single PDF.	Maternity-Risk-Assessment-Template, see attached
3) Does your theatre department have any department-specific guidelines for pregnant staff who work in theatre, in order to protect the health of the mother and baby from radiation and other harmful substances?	Yes
4) If yes to (3), please provide these guidelines or policies in full as a single PDF.	<u>Dudley Radiation Safety Policy X-Ray Local Rules.pdf</u> See attached
5) If no internal guidelines are available, does your Trust use any external guidelines (from Royal Colleges, etc) relating to	No

pregnant staff who work in theatres?	
6) If yes to (5), please provide these guidelines in full as a single PDF, or web link.	-----

Guidelines for completion of this request:

Presence in an orthopaedic theatre while pregnant may cause adverse sequelae for both the mother and the developing foetus.

If you encounter any issues finding the answers to the above, in our experience the following professionals will usually know:

- Occupational health department
- Theatre manager/matron
- Orthopaedic registrars/consultants