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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013925 – Autistic women using maternity services

I am currently undertaking a MEd in Autism studies and am researching maternity services for autistic women.

I would be grateful if you could confirm to me the number of women using maternity services in the your hospitals with a diagnosis of an Autism Spectrum Condition (including Asperger's Syndrome). I would like this information for each year from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2017

The following figures are provided by calendar year for a single site, our Dudley Group Maternity Service is fully integrated therefore we are not a multi-hospital provider. If a patient has maternity care in more than one calendar year they are counted in each of those years.

Inpatients : We can identify inpatients who are clinically coded with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Condition (ICD10 Classification Code F84) under Obstetrics and/or Midwifery Services Specialties within the hospital.

Outpatients : Some patients may only have outpatient maternity care. We do not routinely clinically code our outpatient activity with diagnoses, therefore we have endeavoured to find these patients by looking for any outpatient attendances under Obstetrics and/or Midwifery Services Specialties where the patient has, during any other contact under any specialty, been clinically coded with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Condition(ICD10 Classification Code F84).

Due to the very low numbers in each year and to avoid the possibility of patients potentially being identified if the information is made public we have given a total number instead of splitting by year

By integrating the two sets of patient lists the total number for the years requested is 27.