

Freedom of Information request 014117

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We are currently undertaking a study to identify current care pathways in the UK for women who experience Obstetric Anal Sphincter Injuries (OASIS) (also known as 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> degree tears) during childbirth.  
Please provide the name and city of the unit that you work in

Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, Dudley, West Midlands

### OASIS

How many births are there per annum at the unit where you work?

- Less than 1000
- 1001-2000
- 2001-3000
- 3001-4000
- 4001-5000 ✓
- 5001-6000
- 6001-7000
- 7001-8000
- 8001-9000
- 9001-10000
- 10000+

1. What is your annual % OASIS rate?

Response

- Less than 2% ✓ (1.6%)
- 2-5%
- 5-7%
- 7-10%
- >10%

2. Does your Trust have a Clinical Lead for women with OASIS?

- Yes
- No ✓
- Don't know

3. What care pathway does your Trust use for women with OASIS/severe childbirth related perineal trauma?

- Local Trust guideline ✓
- No specific Trust guideline, but follow the RCOG green-top guidance
- None
- Don't know

4. What provision is made for women with OASIS/significant perineal trauma postnatally?

- Initial follow up in dedicated OASIS clinic
- Initial follow up in a general Gynaecology clinic ✓

Initial follow up by Physiotherapists  
No postnatal hospital follow up

5. If your Trust offers routine postnatal hospital follow-up for women with OASIS, on average how many weeks after the birth are women **FIRST** followed-up?

Within 6 weeks

6-8 weeks✓

2-3 months

4-6 months

Open appointment/woman's choice

Not applicable (women with OASIS **not** offered postnatal hospital review)

6. Please indicate which postnatal investigations are offered at your Trust for which OASIS women (**leave blank if not offered**)?

Endo-anal ultrasound

Ano-rectal Manometry

All women with OASIS

Symptomatic women with OASIS

Only 3c and 4<sup>th</sup> degree OASIS

7. Please select from the list below those professionals who are routinely involved in the postnatal follow-up of women with OASIS in the unit where you work (please select all that apply)?

Gynaecologist✓

Urogynaecologist

Midwife

Obstetrician

General Surgeon

Specialist Colorectal Surgeon

Specialist Colorectal Nurse

Colorectal physiologist

Physiotherapist✓

GP✓

Other (please specify)

8. Who refers women to this pathway (please select all that apply)?

A midwife on the labour ward✓

A midwife on the postnatal ward✓

A community midwife

An obstetrician✓

Physiotherapist✓

Other (please specify below)

9. What would you estimate is the DNA rate for women referred into this pathway (please select one of the following)?

Less than 10%✓

10-20%

21-30%

31-40%

41-50%

50%+

10. How do patients access these services **again** in the future if symptoms recur or if new symptoms develop?

Via GP ✓  
Via community physiotherapist  
Self-referral to secondary care  
Other (please specify below)

11. In your unit, what routine treatment provision is made antenatally for women with previous OASIS (please select all that apply)?

Booked under Consultant specialising in OASIS/Perineal Trauma  
Booked under Consultant but not a perineal/OASIS specialist ✓  
Offered Endo-anal ultrasound and/or ano-rectal manometry  
None  
Other (please specify below)

12. If a multi-centre research study is funded regarding interventions to improve awareness, access and service provision for women affected by faecal incontinence, might you be interested in participating or contributing?

Yes ✓  
No

If Yes, please provide the following details

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