

Freedom of Information request 014524

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NHS MATERNITY COMPLEMENTARY THERAPY MAPPING

We are currently planning to undertake a study to identify the effectiveness of the use of 'complementary therapies' (CTs) including aromatherapy and reflexology to promote spontaneous labour and reduce postdates induction of labour in low risk women. We would be very grateful if you could spend 10 minutes completing this questionnaire.

This questionnaire is being sent to all NHS Trusts who offer maternity services.

The information you provide will be used in part to help support an NIHR grant application for multi-centre research to evaluate the role of complementary therapies within maternity services with a view to improving the experience of women during pregnancy and childbirth.

Please provide the name and city of the unit that you work in

NHS Trust name - The Dudley Group NHS FoundationTrust
City - Dudley

Complementary Therapies

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

Response - 4001-5000

2. What is your annual % of women undergoing induction of labour for postdates pregnancy rate?

Response - >10%

3. Does your Trust have a Clinical Lead or Service Lead for the use of complementary therapies?

Response - No

4. What care pathway does your Trust use for women with postdates pregnancy?

Response - Local Trust guideline

5. If your trust has a complementary therapy service or clinic what provision is made for women with postdates pregnancy?

Response - No complementary therapy service

6. If your Trust offers a complementary therapy treatment for women with postdates pregnancy, on average how many weeks gestation is the treatment offered?

Response - Not applicable (no complementary therapy service)

7. Please select from the list below those professionals who are qualified as complementary therapists and routinely involved in the provision of complementary therapy services in the unit where you work (please select all that apply)

Response - None currently

8. Who refers women to this complementary therapy service (please select all that apply)?

Response: - N/A

9. Is routine membrane sweeping offered to women during a complementary therapy treatment?

Response - N/A

10. Following a complementary therapy treatment for postdates pregnancy, on estimate how many women still require an induction of labour?

Response - N/A

11. If complementary therapies are used to support induction of labour, do you collect data about the effectiveness of the treatments or service?

Response - N/A

12. If a multi-centre research study is funded regarding interventions to improve service provision and reduce postdates induction of labour using complementary therapies, might you be interested in participating or contributing?

Response: - Yes

If Yes, please provide the following details