

Trust Headquarters
Russell's Hall Hospital
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Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

1. Please could you tell me how many consultants are onsite at all maternity departments within the trust during the following times (if there is more than one maternity department within the trust please provide figures for each maternity department)
 - a) Midday (12pm) on weekdays
 - b) Midnight (12am) on weekdays
 - c) Midday (12pm) on Sundays
 - d) Midnight (12am) on Sundays
2. Please provide figures for your current a) emergency caesarean rate a) elective caesarean rate.
3. Please could you tell me if there are any targets or policies in place to address the existing
 - a) Emergency caesarean rate
 - b) Elective caesarean rate if either are deemed outliers compared to other trusts.
4. Please provide details of your current policy on maternal request caesareans.

Response

1. Please could you tell me how many consultants are onsite at all maternity departments within the Trust during the following times (if there is more than one maternity department within the Trust, please provide figures for each maternity department)
 - a) Midday (12pm) on weekdays – **1**
 - b) Midnight (12am) on weekdays – **1**
 - c) Midday (12pm) on Sundays - **1**
 - d) Midnight (12am) on Sundays - **1**
2. Please provide figures for your current
 - a) Emergency caesarean rate – **June 24 25.3%**
 - b) Elective caesarean rate – **June 24 19.1%**
3. Please could you tell me if there are any targets or policies in place to address the existing

- a) Emergency caesarean rate
- b) Elective caesarean rate if either are deemed outliers compared to other trusts.

There are local monitoring rates and benchmarks against national rate.

% Elective LSCS	Women having planned CS	Local monitoring	<11%
% Emergency LSCS	Women having an emergency CS	Local monitoring	<=15%
% Total CS	Total CS performed: Elective +Emergency	Benchmark against national rate 2013/14 = 26.2 %	<=26%

4. Please provide details of your current policy on maternal request caesareans.

ELCS Guideline Attached, maternal request is included in this.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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