

1. What is your name and role within the trust?

Your name	██████████
Role within the Trust	Deputy Matron Maternity Inpatients

2. What is the name of your NHS trust?

The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust

3. How many babies were born in your trust in 2021?

4156

4. Is there currently an NHS tongue-tie division in your trust?

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Proceed to question 7
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proceed to question 5

5. If there is no tongue--tie division service in your Trust, do you have a referral pathway to a service (e.g. which may be private or located in another Trust)?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proceed to question 6
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proceed to question 7

6. How many referrals were made to this service in 2021?
(or a recent 12 month period)?

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7. How many babies were referred for possible division?

1074 triage calls made

8. How many babies actually had an NHS tongue tie division in your Trust in 2021?

996 babies seen in clinic, 507 frenulotomies performed.

Any comment to add?

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9. Who is the service run by?

Midwives	x	
Paediatricians		
Lactation consultants		
Ear Nose and Throat		
Maxillofacial		
Health Visitors		
Other (please Specify)		

10. For funding purposes what is the tongue tie release coded as?

ARFREN501

11. Do you accept out-of-area referrals?

Yes	See above
No	
Don't know	

12. What are the criteria for referral?

Weight loss /poor weight gain	x
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Obvious Tongue tie	x
Maternal pain and nipple damage	x
Slow messy bottle feeder	x
Feeding for long periods and often despite breastfeeding support'	x

13. Do you accept referrals for formula fed babies?

Yes	x
No	

14. Does your service divide tongue--ties described as posterior/sub--mucosal?

Yes	x
No	
Don't know	

15. What is the usual waiting time between referral and appointment with the tongue--tie service?

Currently less than 1 week
Pre-covid 2-4 weeks

16. What is the maximum age for babies to be referred to the service?

10 weeks

17. Does your service use any specific assessment tool?

Hazelbaker	x
Tabby	
Martinelli	
Clinical Judgement	
Other	

18. Is specialist breastfeeding support available for mothers and babies immediately after a tongue--tie division?

Yes	x
No	
Don't know	

19. What follow up do the mothers and babies have after division?

Clinic review	
Phone call or text	x
None unless requested	

20. When does that review occur?

Next day	
A few days	
1 week	x
2 weeks	
3 weeks	
1 month	

21. What aftercare is recommended?

(Please tick as many as apply)

LEVEL 1 No intervention, feeding the baby as usual Other than observing for any bleeding or signs of infection no other action is taken	x
LEVEL 2 Feeding the baby as usual and also encouraging parents to do 'tongue exercises' with the baby These exercises might include: Encouraging baby to suck a clean finger and withdraw the finger slowly in a 'tug of war' game; running a clean finger along baby's lower gums to encourage sideways tongue movement; parent(s) sticking their tongue out at the baby to encourage the baby to mimic the action. These are detailed on the current ATP ' Care After Tongue-Tie Division (Frenulotomy) ' leaflet.	

LEVEL 3 Encouraging 'tongue lifting'

The parent is encouraged to insert either one or two of their fore fingers under the baby's tongue, with the finger tips at each side of the wound and lifts the tongue upwards enough to stretch the wound site. Touching the wound site itself is not encouraged.

LEVEL 4 Active wound management (AWM) or disruptive wound massage/management (DWM)

This involves using a clean finger(s) in a 'sweeping', rubbing or circulate motion (massaging) across the opened wound site. Sometimes including stretching or opening the wound in addition

22. In comparison to pre-COVID (March 2020) have the number of tongue tie referrals....?

...increased	
... stayed the same	
... decreased	x because full service has been suspended

23. In comparison to pre-COVID (March 2020) has your waiting list....?

...increased	
... stayed the same	
... decreased	x because full service has been suspended

24. In comparison to pre-COVID (March 2020) have your criteria for referral changed?

No	
Yes	x
If yes, please specify	<i>We are currently asking for referral from Infant feeding teams, not currently accepting self-referrals. To ensure feeding support has been provided.</i>

25. Has COVID had any other impact on your service?

No	
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Yes	x
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26. If you would be happy to be contacted for further details about the tongue tie services in your area, please give your email address.

27. If you have any further comments relating to this survey or tongue tie services generally, please use the box below

28. Would you like a copy of the report when it is finished?

No	
Yes	X please

Many thanks for completing the survey. Your time in completing it is much appreciated. The data will create a more accurate national picture of services and help in achieving improved provision of breastfeeding support.