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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

Request

Questions for Virtual Ward Freedom of Information Act

1) Does your trust use virtual wards for any maternity/obstetrics patients? If no please go to the last question (question 2).

a) Is this provided internally (i.e. Trust versus private outsource), If outsourced which provider is responsible for delivering the virtual ward.

b) How long have you been providing or had provision for this virtual ward (months)?

c) If yes what obstetric/early pregnancy conditions do you currently use the virtual ward for:

- Pre-eclampsia**
- Preterm prelabour rupture of membranes**
- Obstetric Cholestasis**
- Outpatient management of miscarriage**
- Hypertensive disorders of pregnancy**
- Hyperemesis gravidarum**
- Other please specify:**

d) Which diagnostic/monitoring tests do you provide as part of this service:

- Pulse**
- Temperature**
- Blood pressure**
- Pulse Oximetry**
- Blood tests (if so what tests and modality i.e. Point of care)**
- Urinalysis**
- Symptom questionnaire**

- **Fetal monitoring**
- **IV fluids**
- **IV medications**
- **Oral Medications**

e) Which categories of medications are administered:

- **Antihypertensives**
- **Antiemetics**
- **Analgesia**
- **Other please specify:**
- **None**

f) What is the maximum frequency of monitoring provided?

g) On average how many times a day will monitoring occur?

h) Are abnormal results reviewed by the treating team or the virtual ward provider?

i) Is there a time limit of how long patients can stay within the virtual ward e.g. two weeks. If yes how long is the duration?

j) How is the virtual ward funded?

2) If you currently do not provide a virtual ward for maternity/obstetrics patients do you have plans to implement them and if so when is this expected to go live?

Response

Please find attached completed questionnaire.

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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