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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following information for the last five calendar years (2021–2025), broken down by year. Where counts are small, you may apply your standard disclosure controls in line with your usual practice.

1. How many deliveries recorded ICD-10 codes O73.0 or O73.1 (Retained placenta, with or without haemorrhage)?

2021: 9

2022: 21

2023: 16

2024: 16

2025: 22

2. Of the cases in Question 1, how many also recorded a postpartum haemorrhage (PPH) of 1,000ml or more?

- The Trust does not publish low numbers as this could lead to the identification of the persons involved, Exemption Section 40(2) of the Act is applied

3. How many deliveries recorded any of the following ICD-10 codes:

– O43.21 (placenta accreta)

– O43.22 (placenta increta)

– O43.23 (placenta percreta)

If you are unable to distinguish between these subcodes within your dataset/reporting extract, please confirm whether PAS cases are captured under ICD-10 code O43.2 (Morbidly adherent placenta), and provide the count for O43.2 instead.

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4. Of the PAS-coded cases in Question 3, how many were documented antenatally as “suspected PAS” where this is captured in a structured/reportable way (for example, a specific coded field, dropdown, flag, problem list entry, or other reportable attribute)?

If this is not held in a structured/reportable way, please confirm this and briefly state how (if at all) antenatal suspicion is recorded (e.g., free text in ultrasound reports/clinical notes).

- If we are querying a PAS when scanning we will freehand type on our report on CRIS for the consultant in clinic.

5. How many women underwent peripartum hysterectomy where the primary recorded indication was PAS or suspected PAS? If available, please differentiate between planned and emergency hysterectomies.

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6. How many deliveries involved Manual Removal of Placenta (MROP)? R291 : Manual removal of placenta from delivered uterus

2021: 51

2022: 62

2023: 45

2024: 64

2025: 53

7. Of the MROP cases in Question 6, how many also recorded a PPH of 1,000ml or more?

2021: Unable to obtain data

2022: 9

2023: 14

2024: 14

2025: 14

8. Is diagnostic and management training for Placenta Accreta Spectrum (PAS) a mandatory requirement for frontline maternity staff? (Yes/No. If Yes, please specify which staff groups this applies to.)

- No it is not mandatory requirement.

9. In the last 24 months, has the Trust included a PAS-specific scenario (distinct from general haemorrhage) in mandatory Skills & Drills, PROMPT, or other obstetric emergency training?

- All of our obstetric emergency training is now included within a PROMPT study day, which all midwives, maternity support workers, obstetricians and obstetric anaesthetists must attend annually. As we launched PROMPT in September 2023, our timetable changes every September. In year 1 we included post-partum haemorrhage as an in-situ simulation on Delivery Suite. In year 2 PPH was covered as a workshop using a mannikin, and now we are in year 3 it is being covered as a discussion led by a senior registrar.

10. Does the Trust have a written "Hard Stop" protocol for manual removal of a sticky or retained placenta (for example, a defined time limit or limit on number of attempts before escalation to a suspected PAS pathway)?

- There is no defined time limit for manual removal of placenta during a C section or after a vaginal birth. It is a clinical assessment and judgement of the clinician and the team.

11. In the Trust's maternity electronic patient record system (or radiology reporting workflow), is antenatal "suspected PAS" captured as:

– a structured/coded field or flag (reportable), – free text only, or – not recorded?

- It is captured as free text only.

12. Which ultrasound guideline or reporting template does the Trust use when identifying or documenting suspected PAS? (For example, RCOG guidance, FIGO guidance, an internal Trust guideline, or other.) If you refer to any internal policy, guideline, SOP, template, training document, or pathway in your response, please attach a copy (or provide a link to the published version) for reference.

- Please see attached

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13. How many deliveries did the Trust record in total in each year (2021–2025)?

2021: 4038

2022: 4096

2023: 4065

2024: 4057

2025: 3938

For transparency, this request is being submitted to multiple NHS Trusts to understand national variation and establish a baseline for patient safety learning.

This request follows the recent confirmation by the Minister of State for Health (Ref: 106183) that the Department of Health and Social Care does not hold national PAS diagnostic data. This request is intended to support transparency and help address that recognised data gap.

If you consider that any element may exceed the statutory cost limit under Section 12, please provide the remainder and indicate which specific question(s) drive the cost so I can narrow scope. If the cost limit is exceeded, please prioritise Questions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8, and confirm which remaining elements can be completed within the limit (with Questions 9–13 treated as lower priority if necessary).

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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Yours sincerely

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