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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

1. Does your maternity service routinely collect and record data relating to social risk, however this may be termed locally (e.g. vulnerability, complex social factors, social needs)? (yes/no)
- Yes

2. If yes to Q1: approximately how many women using your maternity services were identified as having at least one social risk factor in the financial year 2024/25, where such data are routinely recorded? If an exact figure is not readily available, an estimate or the most recent available figure would be helpful.
- For the 2025/26 financial year, maternity booking data identified:
-211 as recent migrants, asylum seekers, travellers, or within another inclusion health group.
-562 with a recorded safeguarding factor.
-40 aged 17 years and under at the time of booking.
-103 who had a positive Whooley screening result at booking, indicating potential mental health concerns requiring further assessment.
-44% of all bookings for maternity care were living in areas classified within deprivation deciles 1 or 2, representing the most deprived communities.
-34 women were identified as living in temporary accommodation at the time of booking, 2 were listed as having no fixed abode and 2 were listed as living in care services.

3. Does your maternity service currently use the MatDAT (Maternity Disadvantage Assessment Tool), or any other standardised tool, to assess social risk in pregnancy/postnatally? (yes/no; if yes, please specify)
- Currently, the service does not utilise the MatDAT (Maternity Disadvantage Assessment Tool). Instead, identification of social vulnerability is supported through the GCP2A screening tool, which is completed as part of routine antenatal care.
The antenatal booking documentation incorporates a comprehensive social risk assessment, with standardised questions embedded throughout the booking pathway. This enables midwives to routinely identify a range of social, safeguarding, mental health, housing, and wider vulnerability factors at the earliest opportunity, ensuring that appropriate support and referrals can be initiated in line with individual need.

4. At which points during maternity care are social risk assessments routinely completed or reviewed? (e.g. booking appointment, 28 weeks, admission for birth, postnatal care).
- Social risk assessments are routinely undertaken at the antenatal booking appointment

through the completion of the GCP2A screening tool and the standardised social risk assessment questions embedded within the booking documentation.
In addition to booking, social risk factors are reviewed throughout the maternity pathway whenever there is a change in circumstances, a new risk factor is identified, or further information is disclosed. This ensures that emerging vulnerabilities are recognised promptly and that appropriate support, referrals, and care planning can be implemented.
GCP2A screening is currently completed at booking and is planned to be implemented for all bookings within the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust (DGFT) catchment area by September 2026, supporting a consistent approach to identifying and responding to social complexity and vulnerability.

5. Which Electronic Patient Record (EPR) system is primarily used in your maternity service to document social risk? (e.g. Badgernet, K2, EPIC)
- Sunrise is the primary Electronic Patient Record (EPR) system used within the maternity service. Social risk information, safeguarding concerns, assessments, care plans, referrals, and relevant documentation are recorded within Sunrise to support multidisciplinary communication, care planning, and ongoing review throughout the maternity pathway.

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

Yours sincerely

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