



Ref: FOIA Reference 2018/19-514

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 26th November 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding protocol for the use of Oxytocin or Syntocinon.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 In your Trust, do you have a guideline/policy/protocol for the use of Oxytocin or Syntocinon for induction of labour or augmentation of labour or progress in labour? (Maternity Services - Obstetrics)

- Can you provide a copy of the relevant guideline, please?

A1 Please refer to the attached document.

Q2 In your Trust, do you have a guideline/policy/protocol or specific section within the guideline for the use of Oxytocin or Syntocinon in the Second stage of labour? Is there a specific regimen that is followed? (Maternity Services - Obstetrics)

- If yes, can you provide a copy of the relevant guideline or the relevant section, please?

A2 As answer 1

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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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