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Dear,

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 06.05.21 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Maternity Training.

The University Hospitals of North Midlands Trust is committed to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

However, the NHS is facing unprecedented challenges relating to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic at the current time. Understandably, our resources have been diverted to support our front-line colleagues who are working tremendously hard to provide care for our patients, and to those in need of our services.

We strive to be transparent and to work with an open culture. But at this time, whilst care of our patients and the safety of our staff takes precedent, it is likely that responses to some requests for information will be delayed. We apologise for this position in advance, and will endeavour to provide you with as much information as we can, as soon as we are able.

The Information Commissioners Office has recognised the current situation in the NHS

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) 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 We write to request information from your Trust pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Request

Baby Lifeline is a charity supporting the safe care of pregnant women and newborn babies all over the UK. Training in maternity remains a central recommendation in reports reviewing avoidable harm. The objective of this FOI is to provide an overall picture of maternity training in relation to recommendations of best practice to improve care, determine barriers, and ultimately save babies' and mothers' lives. Baby Lifeline's research in this area is the only work which surveys maternity training provided to the frontline nationally.

The last report utilised 140 responses from organisations providing maternity services (89%), and has been used to inform government health policy, been cited in the Houses of Parliament, and the latest recommendations have led to quality improvement work being carried out by the Maternity Transformation Programme nationally.



We are sending this letter to obtain information about training programmes offered and supported. Please be aware that any data produced will always be anonymised. We will be publishing a list of those trusts included and not included, but no data will be identifiable.

Completing the Request

We would prefer that the information is completed using SurveyMonkey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MTG2021>

We have also attached a Word Document of the survey if that is not aligned with the organisation's FOI policy.

Please be aware that not all questions will be applicable, and those that are not can be left unanswered. An honest and comprehensive response will give us the rich analysis we need to inform national health policy and improve outcomes.

The request is best answered by those in maternity services who commission, provide, and manage training. The "Budget" section may be best completed by those in finance, depending on your organisation's operational structure.

A1 See attached

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

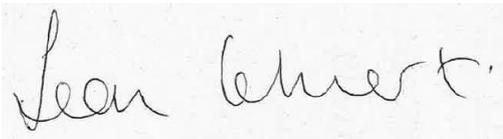
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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