

Ref: FOIA Reference 2019/20-366

Date: 9th October 2019

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 25th September 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Cell Salvage in Obstetrics.

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 We are looking at the use of autologous cell salvage in obstetric units and would be grateful if you could complete this questionnaire (the questions can be answered either directly within the email or by using the attached document):

1. Does your hospital have an obstetric unit?

a. Yes

b. No

A1 Yes

Q2 What is the number of births per year in your obstetric unit?

A2 Please see below:

Birth year	volume
2014	6051
2015	6399
2016	6574
2017	6453
2018	6550

Q3 Do you use cell salvage in obstetrics?

a. Yes

b. No

A3 Yes

Q4 In what situations is cell salvage used (tick any that apply)

a. All caesarean sections

b. category 1 caesarean section,

- c. category 2 caesarean section,
- d. category 3 caesarean section,
- e. category 4 caesarean section,
- f. caesarean section with high risk of haemorrhage,
- g. obstetric patients refusing blood transfusion,

A4 Please see below:

- f. caesarean section with high risk of haemorrhage,
- g. obstetric patients refusing blood transfusion,

Q5 What is the availability of cell salvage in your obstetric unit?

- a. 24 hour,
- b. day-time only,
- c. depending on staff and/or equipment),

A5 24 hour

Q6 How many times per year over the last 5 years have you used cell salvage for collection only in your obstetric unit?

Year	Number of times CS used
2014	
2015	
2016	
2017	
2018	

A6 Please see below:

Year	Number of times CS used
2014	95
2015	125
2016	89
2017	102
2018	117

Q7 How many times per year over the last 5 years have you used cell salvage for collection and reinfusion in your obstetric unit?

Year	Number of times CS used
2014	
2015	
2016	

2017	
2018	

A7 Information not held as we do not log how many infusions are used for patients

Q8 Does your hospital obstetric unit have any concerns about using cell salvaged blood at caesarean section?

a. Yes

b. No

A8 No

Q9 If yes to question 6, do your concerns relate to any of the following (tick all that apply)

a. Infection risk

b. Haemolytic disease in future pregnancy

c. Cost

d. Amniotic fluid embolism

e. Need for broad spectrum antibiotics

f. Availability of trained staff

g. Availability of equipment

h. Other (please state)

A9 No concerns

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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.

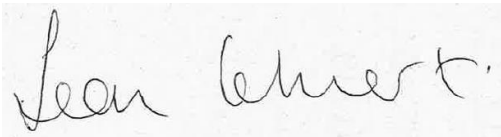
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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