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Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 6th February 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding trauma protocols

As of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 are undertaking a survey with Professor Caroline Hing, Professor of Trauma and Orthopaedics, regarding the management pathway of pregnant patients presenting with trauma in the Emergency Department. I am emailing you to make freedom of information request with regard to trauma protocols for pregnant patients.**

**We would like to know the following information if available:**

**Does your hospital/Trust have a trauma protocol for pregnant patients presenting in the Emergency Department with trauma?**

A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding this question, but feel this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the public website at the following link: [www.mcctn.org.uk](http://www.mcctn.org.uk)

**Q2 If yes, could you please attach it with your response to this email?**

A2 As A1

**Q3 Which specialties are called for a trauma call in pregnant patients?**

A3 This will depend on the level of Trauma call, if are we pre alerted by the Trauma desk

The Trauma Team Leader who is an ED Consultant will determine the level of input required following the Pre alert and Primary Survey.

**Q4 Do you routinely call Obstetrics and Gynaecology as part of this initial trauma call?**

A4 Consultant/senior registrar obstetric and anaesthetic support should be called early, and before the arrival of the patient if there is a pre-alert message from the ambulance service. The patient should be received in resus with activation of the full trauma team. If the history suggests a

resuscitative hysterotomy (perimortem caesarean section PMCS) may be indicated, then activate both a TRAUMA ALERT and an OBSTETRIC EMERGENCY to attend before the patient's arrival. Local hospitals should know which team members will respond if an obstetric emergency is called in ED. The neonatal/paediatric team should also be notified before the patient's arrival.

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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.

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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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