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Dear

**INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the FOI Act.

You asked:

*Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please could you kindly provide me with the following information for your NHS Foundation Trust (or if you represent a number of Trusts, for all the Trusts you are responsible for).*

- 1. How many babies (i.e.) below the age of 1) were diagnosed with issues of ankylossia (tongue-tie) in each financial year since 2013/14? 473*
- 2. Of the babies diagnosed with issues of ankylossia (tongue-tie) in 2017 how many had a surgical procedure carried out by NHS surgeons to resolve these specific issues, and how long did they wait (on average, in calendar days) for the procedure following diagnosis?*

27 surgical procedures were carried out, with the average wait in calendar days being 15.77.

- 3. In 2017, what was the mean age of babies with such issues when the ankylossia (tongue-tie) procedure was performed?*

The Trust is unable to provide this data as it is not recorded centrally, if recorded it would be held within individual case notes. As case notes are for the care and treatment for patients we do not ask staff to search them in order to respond to Freedom of Information requests.

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



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Director of Nursing

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