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Dear

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

**You asked:**

**1. Does your hospital have an obstetric unit?**

- a. Yes
- b. No

**2. What is the number of births per year in your obstetric unit?**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of births</b>
<b>2014</b>	2913
<b>2015</b>	2871
<b>2016</b>	2786
<b>2017</b>	2820
<b>2018</b>	2640

3. Do you use cell salvage in obstetrics?

- a. Yes
- b. No

4. 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,

5. 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),

6. 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	6
2015	0
2016	27
2017	9
2018	10

7. 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	0
2015	0
2016	9
2017	3
2018	4

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

- a. Yes
- b. No

**9. If yes to question 8, 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)

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Yours sincerely,



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