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Response Due: 24th May 2024

Date: 17th May 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 25th April 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

1. Gestational Diabetes Mellitus Screening Methodology:

- **Please provide details on the current methods used by your Trust to screen for Gestational Diabetes Mellitus.**

The Trust uses Oral Glucose Tolerance Tests to screen for gestational diabetes in pregnancy.

2. Timing of Screening:

- **At which gestational week do the majority of pregnant women undergo GDM screening within your Trust?**

28 weeks gestation.

3. Early Screening for High-Risk Pregnancies:

- **Do you conduct GDM screening earlier for pregnant women deemed to be at very high risk?**
- **If so, please specify the criteria for determining high risk and the gestational week at which such screenings are conducted.**

Cases of previous GDM have HbA1c at booking and monitor blood sugars from dating scan.

4. Administration of OGTT:

- **Who is responsible for administering the OGTT within your Trust? Additionally, where is the OGTT typically conducted (e.g., hospital clinic, community health center)?**

OGTT is performed by a Midwifery Support Worker (MSW) in an antenatal outpatient clinic.

5. Maternity-Related Risks Recorded in the Trust Risk Log:

- **Please disclose which maternity-related risks are logged in the Trust's risk register or risk log.**

The Trust currently has 18 risks on the Risk Register for Maternity Services:

- Euroking System Error
- Obstetrics and Gynaecology On-Call Availability Risk
- Obstetrics/Gynaecology Tier 2 Staffing Shortages
- Obstetricians and Gynaecologists on call rotas not allocating compensatory rest
- Midwifery Staffing Shortages
- Maternity Ligature Risks
- Daisy Team future Funding Uncertain
- Entonox Risk
- Medical Devices Training
- Potential Inability to Undertake more than one Emergency Delivery at a time due to number of theatres available
- Emergency Evacuation from Maternity Birthing Pool
- The possibility of a new-born abduction from the maternity unit
- Maintenance of Maternity Equipment
- Euroking to PAS Error Risk
- Junior Doctors Strike
- Screening for GBS at 36 weeks gestation in women with a history of GBS infection
- Delivery Suit Coordinator unable to remain supernumerary at all times
- Transportation and supply of Entonox by Community Midwives for use at Homebirths

6. Bank and agency Spending:

- **Please provide bank spend for midwifery staff for the year 2023, by job grade.**
- **Please provide agency spend for midwifery staff for the year 2023, by job grade.**

Grade	Jan-Dec 2023 (£)
Bank Band 7	27,332
Bank Band 6	814,362
Bank Band 4	1,454
Bank Band 3	280
Bank Band 2	120,198
Total	963,626

There was no agency spend for midwifery staff in 2023.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 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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