

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-158

23 March 2023

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

Terms of Reference:

☐ **Trust** – refers to ALL individual sites (hospitals) within a Trust. Where multiple sites exist, information should be provided for each site.

☐ **Maternity Unit** – refers to all hospital areas where maternity-specific services are provided. Examples include Day Assessment Units and Labour wards.

☐ **Obstetric Sepsis** – all pregnancy-related sepsis that occurs during or after pregnancy, abortion, miscarriage, or delivery, and up to 6 weeks postpartum.

☐ **EHR** – any electronic health or patient system (including EPRs) that is routinely used to capture bedside and other clinical data for patients such as vital signs, as well as laboratory and radiographic results.

☐ **DSA** – any sepsis alert that is linked to patients' electronic health record and serves as a component of an obstetric early warning system / protocol.

1. Does your Trust use an electronic health record system [EHR] (e.g., Cerner, System C, Dedalus)? [YES / NO]

Yes

• **If YES, do sites within your Trust use different EHRs? [YES / NO] or NA (single site Trusts).**

Not applicable.

2. Please name the EHR systems used at each Trust site.

System C CareFlow

3. Does your Trust's site(s) also use EHRs for obstetric patients? [YES / NO]

Yes

- If YES, please name ALL EHR systems used for obstetric patients at each site, and when they were introduced?

System C Careflow, April 2011

4. Does your Trust's site(s) use an algorithm (e.g., MEWS, NEWS2, qSOFA) for the early detection of obstetric sepsis? [YES / NO]

Yes

- If YES, please provide details of the obstetric sepsis algorithm used in your Trust's site(s). Please attach details if possible.

MEWS

We also use the Sepsis Screening Tool which will signpost anyone with a high risk of sepsis to the Sepsis 6 Pathway. We have attached the Sepsis Screening Tool which has the algorithm and the Sepsis 6 Pathway. It is a paper based tool.

5. Does your Trust's site(s) use a digital sepsis alert for obstetric sepsis? [YES / NO]

No

- If YES, please specify ALL sites where the obstetric digital sepsis alert is active.

Not applicable.

6. For sites with active obstetric digital sepsis alerts: please indicate the obstetric sepsis algorithm used in the digital sepsis alert.

Not applicable

7. How does the obstetric digital sepsis alert notify practitioners (e.g., a pager, a flashing warning on patients' EHR)?

Currently this is captured on paper but will be electronic once we have BadgerNet.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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