

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 21-299

14 June 2021

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
- **How many maternal request caesareans were carried out in your Trust between April 2019 and April 2020 with no other significant medical, obstetric or psychological indication?**

122

- **What were the total number of caesarean sections carried out in your Trust between April 2019 and April 2020?**

1634

- **Please confirm how your Trust complies with the revised NICE guideline [NG192] in relation to Maternal Request for Caesarean Birth points 1.2.25 – 1.2.31 – published March 31 2021 <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng192/chapter/Recommendations>**
Please see the attached document

- **Please can you provide information relating to the following questions:**

1. Do you have an explicitly stated policy not to offer Maternal Request Caesarean Sections (MRCS) in your Trust?

No

2. Do you have a written guideline for Maternal Request Caesarean Sections (MRCS) in your Trust? If yes, please provide a copy of the written guideline

Yes please see the attached document

3. Do you require a compulsory mental health appointment in order for a Caesarean Section to be offered?

No but may be offered to See Psychologist(See guideline) or IAPT (Improving Access to

Psychological Therapies) – NHS provided - Bristol – LIFT Psychology. Can self-refer on 0117 982 3209 - Weston-super-Mare – Positive Steps. Can self-refer on 0800 688 8010 - Gloucestershire – LIFT Psychology. Can self-refer on 0117 378 4270 Consider referral to Psychological Health Services at St. Michael's Hospital

4. Do you have a policy which states the number of weeks into pregnancy the decision for a Caesarean Section would be made? If yes please state number of weeks

36 weeks

5. Are there any other conditions which must be met in order to be offered a Maternal Request Caesarean Section in your Trust? If yes, please provide a copy of the conditions

No

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:

Director of Corporate Governance
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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