

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 21-599

6 December 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

Does the Trust offer a Preterm Prevention Clinic for pregnant women?

Yes

What inclusion criteria is it set against?

We use the criteria set out in saving babies lives care bundle v2 which is what has been agreed nationally across the UK preterm birth clinical network

What is the caseload capacity?

We can see ~ 16 patients per week (2.5 consultant clinics per week across Bristol and Weston)

Do you have any data in success rate supporting this intervention?

108 women were seen in PTBPC in 12 month period (2019).

23 women had an intervention and all but 1 (who ruptured her fetal membranes at 19 weeks gestation) had a higher gestational age at delivery than in their previous pregnancies.

Of those 23 who had an intervention (mainly cervical cerclage) 16 delivered at term, 3 >32 weeks and 2 at >27 weeks (both delivered early for other complications than threatened preterm birth) and one stillbirth at 27+5 due to severe preeclampsia.

No woman with a low fetal fibronectin delivered under 33 weeks gestation.

Is this in addition to the implementation of Continuity of Care model which was requested by government?

Yes

If so, do you have information on the interventions being used together for reducing preterm birth?

No - the preterm birth clinic functions separately to the continuity of care MW teams

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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