

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 22-696**

20 December 2022

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

**Maternity staff training and support**

1. Please indicate if your Trust /Health Board provides the following training to all midwives

	Yes / No
Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse	Yes
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	Yes

2. Please indicate if your Trust /Health Board provides the following training to all nurses who provide care during early pregnancy [including termination of pregnancy]

	Yes / No
Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse	Yes
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	Yes

3. Please indicate if your Trust /Health Board provides the following training to all nurses (if any) who are employed within maternity to provide care during pregnancy [during antenatal and postnatal periods]

	Yes / No/ NA
Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse	Yes
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	Yes
No nurses are employed in this role	SARC specific trainer

4. Please indicate if your Trust /Health Board provides the following training to all anaesthetists who work within maternity

	Yes / No

<b>Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse</b>	Yes
<b>Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care</b>	Yes

**5. Please indicate if your Trust /Health Board provides the following training to all obstetricians and gynaecologists**

	<b>Yes / No</b>
<b>Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse</b>	Yes
<b>Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care</b>	Yes

**6. Please indicate if your Trust /Health Board provides the following training to all Lactation Consultants / Infant Feeding Specialists**

	<b>Yes / No</b>
<b>Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse</b>	Yes
<b>Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care</b>	Yes

**7. Please indicate if your Trust / Health Board provides the following training to all support staff working within maternity [HCAs / MSWs]**

	<b>Yes / No</b>
<b>Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse</b>	Yes
<b>Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care</b>	Yes

**8. Please indicate if your Trust / Health Board provides the following training to all sonographers**

	<b>Yes / No</b>
<b>Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse</b>	Yes
<b>Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care</b>	Yes

**9. Does your Trust /Health Board have a SARC referral centre on site? [please circle]**

Yes  No [please go to q. 11]

**10. Do you provide specific training in relation to SARC referrals to the relevant members of the maternity team? [please circle]**

Yes  No

**11. Does your Health Board / Trust have any specific maternity related resources that staff can use to support them / guide them in providing care to survivors who have disclosed? [please circle]**

Yes  No [please go to q.13]

**12. Please provide as much detail as you are able to about the resources [then go to q.14]**

Not specific to maternity however the specialist area and safeguarding team would offer advice and support.  
Maternity staff would know to contact safeguarding.  
Training has been provided by a member of the SARC team to some midwives.

**13. Are there any plans in place to create / obtain such maternity related resources? If yes, please state in as much detail as you are able to**

Not applicable.

**14. Do you provide any specific support to maternity staff members who themselves are survivors of sexual violence and/or sexual abuse? [please circle]**

Yes  No [please go to q.16]

**15. Please describe the support in as much detail as you are able [then go to q.17]**

Any disclosure by a maternity staff member of current or historical sexual violence can be fast-tracked to counselling services specific for sexual trauma.

**16. Are there any plans in place to create / obtain such maternity related resources? If yes, please state in as much detail as you are able to**

Not applicable.

### **Specialist maternity roles**

**17. Does your Trust/Health Board have any members of staff within your maternity department who provide specialist services / guidance to colleagues in relation to care for survivors of sexual violence and/or sexual abuse? [please circle]**

Yes  No [please go to q.19]

**18. Please state which members of the maternity team provide these services and what further training they receive in order to undertake this role. Please state if no further training is undertaken [please then go to q. 20]**

We have specialist midwives who have undertaken training around mental health.

**19. Please describe how members of the maternity team are supported to ensure that survivors of sexual violence and /or sexual abuse receive the maternity care that they require**

Midwives refer women to the mental health specialist team if they fit the criteria.

### **Clinical care provision within maternity**

**20. Are women who disclose domestic violence or abuse routinely asked if they have experienced sexual violence or sexual abuse? [please circle]**

Yes  No

**21. Does your Health Board / Trust provide any maternity specific specialist clinical or support services for survivors? [Examples could include information leaflets, specialist clinics, care pathways, peer support groups, infant feeding support, flagging system on clinical notes] [please circle]**

Yes  No [please go to q.25]

**22. Please provide as much detail as you are able to about these services**

This would be a SARC referral.

**23. Do you collect demographic information about who accesses these services? [please circle]**

Yes  No [please go to q.25]

**24. Please provide as much demographic information as you are able [then go to q.26]**

We would have information on who has been referred to the specialist team.

**25. Are there any plans in place to develop any specialist services? If so, please provide as much detail as you are able**

Not applicable.

#### Organisation details

**26. [Organisation wide] Does your Trust/Health Board have any members of staff across your organisation who provide specialist services / guidance to colleagues in relation to care for survivors of sexual violence and/or sexual abuse?**

Yes  No [please go to q.28]

**27. Please state who provides these services and what training they receive. Please state if they do not receive any further training**

SARC offer themed update specific to sexual violence (not currently mandatory). There is a module in development.

**28. [Organisation wide] Please indicate if your Trust /Health Board provides the following training to all clinical staff**

	Yes / No
Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse	Yes
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	Yes

**29. [Organisation wide] Does your Health Board / Trust have any generic or other speciality specific [such as ophthalmology] resources that staff across your organisation can use to support them / guide them in providing care to survivors who have disclosed? [please circle]**

Yes  No [please go to q.31]

**30. Please provide as much detail as you are able to about the resources [then please go to q.32]**

Support is provided via The Bridge Sexual Assault Referral Centre and Unity Sexual Health

**31. Are there any plans in place to create / obtain such resources? If yes, please state in as much detail as you are able to**

Not applicable.

**32. Please state the name of the NHS organisation completing this survey**

University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust

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.

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Data Protection Officer  
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
BS1 3NU

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Yours sincerely

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