

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 25-332

20th May 2025

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

Name of Hospital / Unit	University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust			
Address	Marlborough St Bristol BS1 3NU			
	Total	Primiparous	Multiparous	Don't Know
All Births	25	17	8	0
Vaginal deliveries	16	10	6	0
Forceps deliveries	*	*	0	0
Ventouse deliveries	0	0	0	0

Failed ventouse → Forceps deliveries	0	0	0	*
Caesarean Section				
Elective caesarean section	9	7	*	0
Emergency caesarean Section	7	6	*	0
Second degree tears	6	*	*	0
Sutured second degree tears	6	*	*	0
Episiotomies	*	*	0	0
Third degree tears	0	0	0	0
3a	0	0	0	0
3b	0	0	0	0

3c	0	0	0	0
Fourth degree tears	0	0	0	0
Rectal buttonhole tear	0	0	0	0
Type of Hospital/Unit? (please X or ✓)	Free-standing Midwifery Unit	Alongside Midwifery Unit	Obstetrician Led Labour Ward	State Other:
How are third- and fourth-degree tears classified for data collection? (please X or ✓)				
3rd degree tears	3rd & 4th degree tears separately X	Grade 3a, 3b, 3c, 4th degree	Don't know	
Do you have a designated perineal clinic	Yes X	No		
If yes, is it (please X or ✓)	Midwifery led	Obstetrician led x	State Other: Also have a physio	The Pelvic Health Physiotherapy Team aim to see all women postnatally on the ward who have had an OASI /

				instrumental delivery (forceps and ventose) to give postnatal advice / lifestyle advice / pelvic floor exercises / how to poo without straining / info on how to self-refer if needed at 6-8 week if symptoms continue. If we are unable to catch patients on the ward, we phone them at home within a few days and if we are unable to contact patients on the ward, we phone them at home within a few days and if we are unable to contact by phone we send out all the information by letter. We always prioritise seeing younger Mums and patients where English is an additional language on the wards as these patients are often the hardest to contact by telephone
Please kindly provide names of perineal clinic leads and designation	Sneha Basude Consultant Obstetrician St. Michaels Hospital Southwell Street Bristol Sneha.basude@uhbw.nhs.uk Rosie Passingham St. Michaels Hospital Southwell Street Bristol Sneha.basude@uhbw.nhs.uk			

Name:	Rosie.passingham@uhbw.nhs.uk			
Contact Address				
Email:				
If No, how are women with 3rd & 4th degree tears followed up? (please X or ✓)				
Community midwives	GP	Hospital antenatal clinic	Others – Please state	
Do you have a designated women's health physiotherapist? (please X or ✓)				
If yes, how many?	One			
If yes, when do they follow up women with 3rd & 4th degree tears				The Pelvic Health Physiotherapy Team aim to see all women postnatally on the ward who have had an OASI / instrumental delivery (forceps and ventose) to give postnatal advice / lifestyle advice / pelvic floor exercises / how to poo without straining / info on how to self-refer if needed at 6-8 week if symptoms continue. If we are unable to catch patients on the ward, we phone them at home

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Antenatal	Postnatal x	Ward prior to discharge x	Other- Please state	
What maternity data system is used in your unit? (please X or ✓)				
Epic	Terranova	Euro king	Cerner	Other: BadgerNet
Any further comments:				
Kindly provide the following details in case we need clarification.				

Your name:	Sarah Windfeld
Contact details:	Sarah.windfeld@uhbwnhs.uk
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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
Bristol
BS1 3NU

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

Freedom of Information Team

