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### Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Ankylossia (tongue-tie).

*You asked:*

- 1. How many babies (i.e.) below the age of 1) were diagnosed with issues of Ankylossia (tongue-tie) in each financial year since 2013/14.*
- 2. Of the babies diagnosed with issues of Ankylossia (tongue-tie) in 2017 how many had a surgical procedure carried out by NHS surgeons to resolve these specific issues, and how long did they wait (on average, in calendar days) for the procedure following diagnosis?*
- 3. In 2017, what was the mean age of babies with such issues when the Ankylossia (tongue-tie) procedure was performed?*

Trust response:

1.

Financial Year	Diagnosis of Q38.1 (Tongue-tie)
1314	18
1415	44
1516	60
1617	104
1718	101

Please note: These figures represent the diagnosis of tongue-tie in babies that have been diagnosed during their stay after birth. There will be a number that are not picked up straight away, but rather will get diagnosed when back in the community by a community midwife or health visitor. These babies would be treated as out patients and as such the information would not be coded. In order to source the information we would need to manually check the patient records. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of

Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.

2.

Number of patients	1
Wait for this patient	0 - not added to list
Age of this patient	0

3. Please see above.