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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 Autologous cell salvage.

*You asked:*

- 1. Does your hospital have an obstetric unit?*
- 2. What is the number of births per year in your obstetric unit?*
- 3. Do you use cell salvage in obstetrics?*
- 4. In what situations is cell salvage used (tick any that apply)*
- 5. What is the availability of cell salvage in your obstetric unit*
- 6. How many times per year over the last 5 years have you used cell salvage for collection only in your obstetric unit?*
- 7. How many times per year over the last 5 years have you used cell salvage for collection and reinfusion in your obstetric unit?*
- 8. Does your hospital obstetric unit have any concerns about using cell salvaged blood at caesarean section?*
- 9. If yes to question 6, do your concerns relate to any of the following (tick all that apply)*

Trust response:

1.
  - a. Yes
2. Approx. 6000
3.
  - a. Yes
4.
  - f. caesarean section with high risk of haemorrhage,
  - g. obstetric patients refusing blood transfusion,
5.
  - c. depending on staff and/or equipment),

6.

2014 - No data

2015 - 7

2016 - 8

2017 - 23

2018 - 11

7.

2014 - No data

2015 - 1

2016 - 3

2017 - 7

2018 - 6

8.

b. No (although availability of trained staff is occasionally an issue)

9. Not applicable