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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 pre-pregnancy counselling clinics.

You asked:

- 1. Please provide the names of each hospital in your Trust providing consultant-led maternity services and state if they provide tertiary or secondary maternity care*
- 2. Please provide the names of any of the hospitals in question 1 who also currently provide a Pre-Pregnancy Counselling (PPC) clinic for women with medical illnesses.*
If you do not provide PPC clinic please go on to question 4
- 3. For each hospital in question 2, please state whether the PPC clinics are for all medical diseases or only specific ones (if specific please list)*
- 4. Do the maternity managers in your Trust consider there is a need for PPC clinics for women with medical illnesses to be provided by their consultant-led units?*
- 5. What are the main barriers to implementation of PPC clinics in your organisation?*
- 6. What are the main enablers to implementation of PPC clinics in your organisation?*
- 7. If you provide PPC clinics:*
 - a. how are they funded? (e.g. gynaecology encounter, medical speciality encounter, +/- recharge to maternity etc)*
 - b. Are they run by a single clinician? If yes, what is the clinician's speciality?*
 - c. Are the PPC clinics run jointly by multiple clinicians? If yes, what are the specialities of the clinicians?*
- 8. If you do not currently provide PPC clinics for women with medical diseases, are you planning to provide them in the future?*

Please provide any other relevant information about your pre-pregnancy counselling services not covered above

Trust response:

Response				
1	Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells Hospitals (Secondary) - Maidstone Hospital - Tunbridge Wells Hospital			
2	All of the above hospitals can provide PPC. We believe there are no regular dedicated PPC clinics at present			
3	Not applicable			
4	Yes. As part of the National Maternal Medicine Network – PPC are planned to be set up at both Sub Hub in Medway for complex cases and at the spokes for the less complex medical cases			
5	Staffing Clinic capacity Ensuring appropriate lines of communication between primary care and hospitals			
6	Maternal Medicine Funding The ICB and CCG commissioners have good communication links between primary and secondary care. Working group of Maternal Medicine Leads in Kent and Medway LMNS working together to provide strategies for implementation in the future.			
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