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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 elective Caesarean Sections and vaginal births.

You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust. Please release all current policy documents, guidelines, memos, minutes of meetings and internal emails (and their attachments) that relate to the Trust's policy on elective C-Sections and so-called 'normal' or 'natural' (vaginal) births and in what circumstances either should take place. Any memos or emails should be dated after 20th February 2022.

Trust response:

The Trust is not aware of any email trails or meetings where these topics have been discussed apart from routine reporting of data relating to the rates of C Section and Vaginal birth. Please find attached the guidelines relating to Caesarean Section (plus patient information leaflet) and Care in Labour as there is no guideline specifically for "normal birth".