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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 Maternity and Obstetric virtual wards.

*You asked:*

*1) Does your trust use virtual wards for any maternity/obstetrics patients? If no please go to the last question (question 2).*

*a) Is this provided internally (i.e. Trust versus private outsource), If outsourced which provider is responsible for delivering the virtual ward.*

*b) How long have you been providing or had provision for this virtual ward (months)?*

*c) If yes what obstetric/early pregnancy conditions do you currently use the virtual ward for:*

- I. Pre-eclampsia*
- II. Preterm prelabour rupture of membranes*
- III. Obstetric Cholestasis*
- IV. Outpatient management of miscarriage*
- V. Hypertensive disorders of pregnancy*
- VI. Hyperemesis gravidarum*
- VII. Other please specify:*

*d) Which diagnostic/monitoring tests do you provide as part of this service:*

- I. Pulse*
- II. Temperature*
- III. Blood pressure*
- IV. Pulse Oximetry*
- V. Blood tests (if so what tests and modality i.e. Point of care)*
- VI. Urinalysis*
- VII. Symptom questionnaire*
- VIII. Fetal monitoring*
- IX. IV fluids*

X. *IV medications*

XI. *Oral Medications*

e) *Which categories of medications are administered:*

I. *Antihypertensives*

II. *Antiemetics*

III. *Analgesia*

IV. *Other please specify:*

V. *None*

f) *What is the maximum frequency of monitoring provided?*

g) *On average how many times a day will monitoring occur?*

h) *Are abnormal results reviewed by the treating team or the virtual ward provider?*

i) *Is there a time limit of how long patients can stay within the virtual ward e.g. two weeks. If yes how long is the duration?*

j) *How is the virtual ward funded?*

2) *If you currently do not provide a virtual ward for maternity/obstetrics patients do you have plans to implement them and if so when is this expected to go live?*

Trust response:

1. No

2. We are in the very early stages with no current implementation date.