



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-696

Date: 11th April 2023

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 27th February 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding pre-pregnancy counselling clinics

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 Freedom of Information request regarding pre-pregnancy counselling clinics provided in your hospital(s) with consultant-led maternity units for women with medical problems.

	Question	Response
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) service for women with medical illnesses and whether this is in a separate PPC clinic or in an existing clinic. 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 (<i>if specific please list</i>)	
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	

A1 See below:

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3 For each hospital in question 2, please state whether the PPC clinics are for all medical	Medical diseases Diabetes and epilepsy

	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?	The FOI Act 2000 is for the release of information that is held/recorded and does not cover the opinions of persons regarding suppliers, systems or procedures, therefore this information is not held.
5	What are the main barriers to implementation of PPC clinics in your organisation?	The FOI Act 2000 is for the release of information that is held/recorded and does not cover the opinions of persons regarding suppliers, systems or procedures, therefore this information is not held.
6	What are the main enablers to implementation of PPC clinics in your organisation?	The FOI Act 2000 is for the release of information that is held/recorded and does not cover the opinions of persons regarding suppliers, systems or procedures, therefore this information is not held.
7	If you provide PPC clinics:	
	how are they funded? (e.g. gynaecology encounter, medical speciality encounter, +/- recharge to maternity etc)	Medical speciality
	Are they run by a single clinician? If yes, what is the clinician's speciality?	Yes – Diabetes/epilepsy
	Are the PPC clinics run jointly by multiple clinicians? If yes, what are the specialities of the clinicians?	no
8	If you do not currently provide PPC clinics for women with medical diseases, are you planning to provide them in the future?	no
	Please provide any other relevant information about your pre-pregnancy counselling services not covered above	

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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