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Dear Ms Marshall

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing further to your request for information about :

- Maternity services and high BMI women

The Trust has examined the records held within the Maternity department and I can confirm the following answers to your questions.

Although you asked for information relating to fertility, maternity, childbirth and post-natal services, please note that this Trust only provides initial fertility investigation and advice and refers patients to specialist centres for further investigation and treatment.

1. Do you have a policy for the management of obese women? If so, what is the BMI cut off (or other criteria) where this policy comes into use?

Yes. The policy addresses women with a BMI of more than 30

2. Please attach a copy of the above policy.

This is enclosed.

3. How many women last year or the most recent year for which you have data (both as a number and percentage of service users in each area) were subject to the above policy?

In 2012 there were:

1040 women with a BMI of greater than or equal to 30 at booking
354 women with a BMI greater than or equal to 35 at booking
121 women with a BMI greater than or equal to 40 at booking

4. Please could you attach any other policies/guidelines/protocols relating to fertility, maternity, childbirth and post-natal which address the management of obese women.

There are no other policies or guidelines.

I trust that I have dealt with your request to your satisfaction. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries or if I can be of further assistance.

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Finally, I enclose an evaluation form which I would be very grateful if you could complete and return to me so that we can continually improve our Publication Scheme and the way that we deal with requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours sincerely

Alison Macdonald
Board Secretary