

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 13/08/2019.

I am pleased to be able to provide you with the following information:

1	<i>What is your role (hospital midwife, community midwife, ...)?</i>	Head of Midwifery
BIRTHS & POST DISCHARGE		
2	<i>What is the total number of births by caesarean section on average every month?</i>	120
3	<i>What is the number of births from women with BMI\geq30 by caesarean section on average every month?</i>	31
4	<i>How many post-discharge visits do you make, on average, after a lady has a caesarean section?</i>	5
5	<i>What percentage of post discharge visits are carried out:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>in out-patient clinics?</i> • <i>as home visits?</i> 	27% 73%
READMISSIONS		
6	<i>What is the total number of monthly readmissions after a caesarean section?</i>	<1 (6 readmissions in last 8 months)
7	<i>What is the number of monthly readmissions after caesarean section for women specifically with BMI\geq30?</i>	< 1 (2 readmissions in the last 8 months had a BMI of >30)
8	<i>What percentage of readmissions are related to surgical site infection after c-section across all BMI categories?</i>	16%
9	<i>What percentage of readmissions are related to surgical site infection in women after c-section in ladies with a higher BMI i.e. \geq30?</i>	0
10	<i>What is the average length of stay (bed days) for ladies who are re-admitted after c-section</i>	2
WOUND INFECTION PREDICTION		
11	<i>Do you think that wound inspection provides reliable assessment of later wound infection?</i>	Freedom of Information gives access to recorded information held. Opinions do not fall within this criteria and we are therefore unable to provide the information requested.
12	<i>Have you ever used a device / technology to predict caesarean wound infection? If yes, which one?</i>	No
13	<i>Do you see any potential advantages in the</i>	Freedom of Information gives

	<i>new proposed device to establish early prediction of SSI?</i>	access to recorded information held. Opinions do not fall within this criteria and we are therefore unable to provide the information requested.
14	<i>What evidence would you require to consider using such a device?</i>	
15	<i>What could be the barriers to adopting such a new device in the NHS?</i>	
16	<i>If it was available, how many would you need in your department:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>for in hospital use (inpatients)?</i> • <i>for community use (post discharge visits)?</i> 	
17	<i>Would you see the need for such a device by health visitors, beyond the 10 days post discharge period?</i>	
18	<i>Who would make the decision on the purchase of such devices (midwife, head of midwifery, commissioners, ...):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>for in hospital use (inpatients)?</i> • <i>for community use (post discharge visits)?</i> 	The Senior Directorate Management Team (Clinical Director / Head of Midwifery)
19	<i>Would you consider testing such a device? (if yes, please share your contact details)</i>	Freedom of Information gives access to recorded information held. Opinions do not fall within this criteria and we are therefore unable to provide the information requested.