

FOI 3665

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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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**I would also like to request for the same period of time all maternity clinical protocols, guidelines or standard operating procedures in use by the southern health trust relevant to the management of suspected small for gestational age or fetal growth restriction at term, including criteria for senior review, CTG, Doppler/ fetal surveillance and documented escalation pathways.**

**Timeframe is December 2024 to present.**

**Response:**

The Trust can confirm that no local-level maternity policies, protocols or standard operating procedures were developed or in use during this period specifically relating to the management of suspected SGA or FGR at term.

Instead, the Southern Health and Social Care Trust follows regional and national guidance, including:

- Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) Green-top Guidelines, which provide evidence-based recommendations for the investigation, monitoring and management of suspected SGA/FGR at any stage of pregnancy.
- The Saving Babies' Lives Care Bundle, which outlines best practice for fetal surveillance, including risk assessment, Doppler surveillance, CTG monitoring and escalation requirements where fetal growth concerns are identified.

These documents guide clinical practice across the Trust and inform decision-making relating to senior review, fetal monitoring and escalation pathways for pregnancies where SGA or FGR is suspected.

As no local policies were produced during the timeframe specified, the Trust holds no additional documentation relevant to your request.

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