

FOI 1915

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Please see below a request for the following information relating to tongue tie in babies aged 0-12 months.

Question 1:

How many babies were born within your trust between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?

Response 1:

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Question 2:

How many babies were diagnosed with ankyloglossia (tongue tie) between Jan1st 2022 and December 31 2022 at your trust?

Response 2:

188 Attendees to the Tongue Tie Clinic for Assessment by the ENT Doctor.

Question 3:

On average how many days after birth was a tongue tie diagnosis made between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?

Response 3:

Anywhere between 0 - 21 days old.

Question 4:

How many babies diagnosed with tongue tie were referred for a frenotomy procedure?

Response 4:

71 Babies diagnosed with a Tongue Tie by the ENT Doctor were referred for a frenotomy procedure.



Question 5:

Is the frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) available to babies who are fully formula fed?

Response 5:

Yes – only if bottlefed babies have feeding issues.

Question 6:

How many frenotomy procedures (tongue tie division) were carried out on babies at your trust between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?

Response 6:

Please see attached response.

Question 7:

What was the average waiting time in days between diagnosis/ referral and a frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?

Response 7:

Please see attached response.

Question 8:

How many women had to wait 3 weeks or longer after a referral for a frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) or their baby between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?

Response 8:

Please see attached response.

Question 9:

How many women waited more than 6 weeks, 8 weeks, 12 weeks and 16 weeks or longer for a frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) for their baby between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?

Response 9:

Please see attached response.

Question 10:

What is the longest amount of time a women had to wait after a referral for a frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) for their baby between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?

Response 10:

Please see attached response.

Question 11:

If there is no tongue tie division service in your trust how many referrals were made to an alternative NHS Service for tongue toe division?

Response 11:

We have a service in place.

Question 12:

How many women declined the offer of a frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) within the NHS between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?

Response 12:

Information not held.

Question 13:

Of the women who declined the offer of a frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) within the NHS between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022 are you aware how many sought treatment privately instead?

Response 13:

Information not held.

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