

FOI 2538

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Request:

1. Does your trust use virtual wards for any maternity/obstetrics patients? If no please go to the last question (question 2).

Response:

No the Southern Health and Social Care Trust does not use virtual wards for maternity/obstetric patients.

a) Is this provided internally (i.e. Trust versus private outsource), If outsourced which provider is responsible for delivering the virtual ward.

Response:
N/A

b) How long have you been providing or had provision for this virtual ward (months)?

Response:

N/A

c) If yes what obstetric/early pregnancy conditions do you currently use the virtual ward for:

- Pre-eclampsia
- Preterm prelabour rupture of membranes
- Obstetric Cholestasis
- Outpatient management of miscarriage
- Hypertensive disorders of pregnancy
- Hyperemesis gravidarum
- Other please specify:

Response;

N/A

d) Which diagnostic/monitoring tests do you provide as part of this service:

- **Pulse**
- **Temperature**
- **Blood pressure**
- **Pulse Oximetry**
- **Blood tests (if so what tests and modality i.e. Point of care)**
- **Urinalysis**
- **Symptom questionnaire**
- **Fetal monitoring**
- **IV fluids**
- **IV medications**
- **Oral Medications**

Response:

N/A

e) Which categories of medications are administered:

- **Antihypertensives**
- **Antiemetics**
- **Analgesia**
- **Other please specify:**
- **None**

Response:

N/A

f) What is the maximum frequency of monitoring provided?

Response:

N/A

g) On average how many times a day will monitoring occur?

Response:

N/A

h) Are abnormal results reviewed by the treating team or the virtual ward provider?

Response:

N/A

i) Is there a time limit of how long patients can stay within the virtual ward e.g. two weeks. If yes how long is the duration?



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Response:

N/A

j) How is the virtual ward funded?

Response:

N/A

2) If you currently do not provide a virtual ward for maternity/obstetrics patients do you have plans to implement them and if so when is this expected to go live?

Response:

No the Southern Trust currently have no plans to implement virtual wards for maternity/obstetrics patients.

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