

FOI 2761

3rd December 2024**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

Question: What is your Trust's radiology department's standard operating procedure for making pregnancy enquiries prior to ionising radiation exposure?

Response:

When individuals of child bearing potential attend for clinically justified radio diagnostic examinations, research or non-medical imaging procedures, the referrer should state details of the pregnancy / breast feeding status on the e-referral or request form.

A further check must be carried out by an appropriately trained and entitled operator in advance of the exposure when the patient attends for the examination, as pregnancy status may have changed since the clinician completed the referral.

Question: Please attach current SOP/SOPs with relevant physical/digital enquiry form that the department uses to make these enquiries. Please attach all relevant SOPs if each radiology department within your trust has varying procedures.

Response:

Please see attached PDF's (1-3)

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