

27 December 2017

**Our Ref:** RFI 22013

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in Relation to Refusal of Treatment - Pregnancy**

I refer to the above matter and the Trust's response provided to you on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017 and your subsequent email of 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017 requesting the following.

***Could you please provide what law that the trust is using to class maternity as an emergency service?***

The Trust did not refer to law in our previous response. To clarify the reference to 'emergency service', the Trust provides emergency and routine care to women requiring maternity services.

Under the terms of the legislation, if you are unhappy with this response you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. If you wish to do so, please write to me at the address below.

If after such a review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner who will undertake an independent review. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

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