

19 April 2018

Our Ref: RFI 23027

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Antenatal Education Providers**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to the above which you requested on 23 March 2018.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Hospital Services Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

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

**L McAree (Miss)
Head of Information Governance &
Directorate Support**

**1. Do you commission or provide antenatal education classes? – yes or no?
If yes, what is the annual budget for this/these contracts/service provision?**

Commission or provide antenatal education classes?	Annual budget
Yes	We are unable to provide this as there is no separate budget for antenatal classes.

**2. Answer only if you commission or provide antenatal education classes:
(a) Do the practitioners delivering the classes use a specific evidence-based programme/s/model/s? – yes or no?
(i) If yes, which one/s and is it/are they licensed?
(ii) If no, briefly describe the what programme is provided.
(b) Which senior manager/s is/are responsible for the commissioning or provision of this/these service/s? What is/are their email address/s?**

Use of specific evidence-based model/programme?	Programme/s/model/s used	Is it licenced?	Name of senior manager	Email address of senior manager
Traditional classes – latest evidence based information reviewed at least annually. Young mothers Group – as above	2 x 2 hour sessions, first signs of labour, stages of labour and options within trust, postnatal support, practical skills and feeding.	No	Fionnuala McCluskey	Fionnuala.mccluskey@setrust.hscni.net
Hypnobirthing - information as per the Association of Hypnobirthing Midwives.	4 x 2 hour evening sessions including active birth and relaxation.	Yes	Fionnuala McCluskey	Fionnuala.mccluskey@setrust.hscni.net
Getting Ready For Baby – Regional Pilot project until March 2019, now delivered over 6 sites within the Trust.	6 x 90 minutes group education sessions (Solihull programme) linked to antenatal checks	Yes	Jackie O'Neill	Jackie.oneill@setrust.hscni.net

- 3. Answer only if you commission the antenatal education classes:**
- (a) Which organisation provides this/these service/s? What are the contract start and end dates? – Not applicable.**
- (b) Are the classes commissioned individually as a cost and volume contract or as part of a block contract? – Not applicable.**

Programme/s/model used	Name of provider organisation	Contract start date	Contract end date	Cost and volume contract or part of block contract?
Not Applicable				

4. Here is a list of vulnerabilities/adversities that can impact on the ability of parents-to-be to engage with antenatal education:

- **those with mental health difficulties**
- **those experiencing social isolation or from a socially marginalised community**
- **survivors of domestic abuse**
- **those with learning difficulties**
- **those with substance use difficulties**
- **parents who have had previous children removed into care**
- **care leavers**
- **teenage parents**
- **parents in prison**
- **those not speaking English as a first language**
- **those with chaotic or transient lifestyles**
- **black or minority ethnic communities**
- **those with anti-social or offender behaviour**
- **asylum seekers**

Much of this information is gathered by midwives at booking in appointments.

4. (a) Do you, or have you in the past, carry/carried out any analysis of this data, or collected and analysed any data, to determine whether parents-to-be experiencing any of these difficulties are less likely to access/engage with antenatal education delivered in your area than those who do? -yes or no?

4. (b) Do any of the antenatal education classes specifically target vulnerable parents-to-be? -yes or no? If yes, which ones?

Analysis of data?	Antenatal education for vulnerable parents-to-be?
No	<p>Mothers who cannot be involved with group base education can have one-to-one bespoke sessions tailored to meet the needs of the individual, with a midwife and a translator if required.</p> <p>Young mothers specific antenatal classes (up to 19 years old).</p>

5. (a) Do you commission/provide the Family Nurse Partnership (FNP)? - yes or no?

(i) If yes, what is the annual budget for this contract/service provision?

(ii) If you commission FNP, which organisation provides this/these service/s? What are the contract start and end dates?

Commission/provide FNP?	Annual budget	Provider organisation	Contract start date	Contract end date
Yes	£299,927	Public Health Agency (PHA)	01/06/15	No end date - Recurrent Funding

(b) If you do not commission/provide the Family Nurse Partnership, do you commission/provide any other similar services that target vulnerable parents-to-be? Briefly describe the services.

Commission/provide similar service?	Brief description
Not applicable.	