

8 August 2019

Our Ref: RFI 29826

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information Requested in Relation to Intravenous Oxytocin Infusion and
Blood Products used for Maternity Patients**

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 15 July 2019.

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

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the Information Governance Department, Lough House, Ards Community Hospital (informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, within 20 working days of receipt.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office –Northern Ireland, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

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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Information Governance Assistant

Q1(i). *Please could you supply the dosage table for intravenous oxytocin infusion (It might be called Syntocinon.) from your Trust's Induction of Labour (or Augmentation of Labour) policy (or policies)? If it was (they were) recently updated, please supply the previous one(s), also. Thank you.*

A1(i). Please see attachment entitled Syntocinon Infusion Regime.

Q1(ii). *If named in the document, please give the make and model of infusion pump used on your labour ward. (If more than one is in use, please list them all.)*

A1(ii). Alaris GP plus.

Q2. *Please supply your month-by-month postpartum haemorrhage (PPH) statistics for last year, or, an average rate per month that includes all PPHs (i.e. over 500ml, over 1000ml and over 1500ml), whichever is easier.*

A2.

Sum of Mothers Delivered	Blood loss group			Grand Total
DOB Month (I)	over 500ml	over 1000ml	over 1500ml	
APRIL	110	15	4	129
MAY	101	20	6	127
JUNE	95	13	5	113
JULY	144	9	9	162
AUGUST	122	9	17	148
SEPTEMBER	137	16	7	160
OCTOBER	127	18	17	162
NOVEMBER	133	19	7	159
DECEMBER	92	19	9	120
JANUARY	153	10	12	175
FEBRUARY	115	18	8	141
MARCH	106	15	12	133
Grand Total	1435	181	113	1729

Q3. *How many units of blood or blood products were transfused to maternity patients during 2018?*

A3. From 01/04/18-31/03/19 there were 152 units of red cells, 13 units of fresh frozen plasma, 1 unit of platelets and 1 unit of cryoprecipitate.

Q4. What was the cost to your maternity service of blood and substitute blood products transfused during 2018?

A4. £21,052.28

Q5. What was the total cost of transfusion services to your maternity unit(s), including unused products that had been ordered, in 2018?

A5. Approximately £110,000. This includes the cost of blood and blood components transfused to patients during that year, and the cost for the Blood Bank to process all crossmatch and group and hold requests for Maternity for that year.