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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference:** Ectopic Pregnancy

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do/do not hold the/some of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

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FOI Request / Question	Question Response
1. What is the annual number of patients you see in your unit with an early pregnancy unit?	2023 a total of 3,294 patient's. 2024 total so far 1,446 patients.
2.How many patients were diagnosed as an ectopic pregnancy?	Year 2023 - 73 diagnosed Year 2024 - 39 diagnosed so far
3.How many patients were treated as a pregnancy of unknown location?	No code for 'pregnancy of unknown location'
4.Of the PUL group, how many patients went on to be confirmed as an ectopic pregnancy?	Not applicable
5.Number of reported patient safety incidents related to ectopic pregnancy?	Dataset from 2022. 19 ectopic related incidents recorded.
6.For each incident, please specify degree of harm: • No harm • Near miss • Low • Moderate • Severe	15 no harm. 1 moderate harm 3 low harm
7. For each moderate/severe incident, please specify details (e.g. late diagnosis, haemorrhage, etc).	Incorrect interpretation of results - patient treated with Methotrexate with an intrauterine pregnancy later seen.
8.How many moderate/severe incidents went on to be declared as a serious incident?	1
9.What was the learning for the serious incidents if any?	Lessons learned Further safety measures for the prescribing and administration of methotrexate, for example checklists or locssips may have reduced the risk and provided a stop moment. Involvement of the multi-disciplinary team in the diagnosis and decision-making of complex cases can ensure that staff can voice concerns or opinions. Patients should always be provided with information both written and verbal to ensure they can make an informed decision regarding their care or treatment. The consent process for the administration of methotrexate in ectopic pregnancies needs to be reviewed. The risk of clinical incidents occurring may increase during times when usual working patterns are deviated from, ie doctors changeover.

I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email [sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net](mailto:sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net).

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Yours faithfully

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