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RE: Freedom of Information Request

2nd August 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 13th February 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below. Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay.

In your request you asked:

- 1. How many bereavement maternity suites are in your trust? (By a bereavement maternity suite, I mean a hospital room or space dedicated to families whose baby is stillborn or has died shortly after birth)**
 - If so, please list the number of suites at each hospital in your trust?**
One
 - If so, how was each funded?**
This room is part of the ward and has always been part of the estate, it has been made more personable using some charitable funds over the years.
- 2. How many maternity wards are there in your trust which do not have a bereavement suite?**
One.
If there is a maternity ward without a bereavement suite, are there plans to make one and what is the timeframe?
No
- 3. Do you employ a dedicated bereavement midwife or midwives**
 - If you do, how many?**
Yes – 1.4 WTE in total
- 4. How many unfilled bereavement midwife roles do you have?**
None

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5. Is their sole purpose to support bereaved families or are their duties split?

They support families as per the national bereavement care pathway, alongside supporting the bereavement agenda e.g. updating guidelines/patient information leaflets, running support groups, supporting with PMRT, providing direct patient care in labour, and then supporting postnatally.

6. How many hours are dedicated to support bereaved families?

It is personalised to each individual/family's needs.

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.

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Yours faithfully

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