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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Maternity
Caesareans

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 hold 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	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
1. Please could you tell me how many consultants are onsite at all maternity departments within the trust during the following times (if there is more than one maternity department within the trust please provide figures for each maternity department)	a) Midday (12pm) on weekdays - One b) Midnight (12am) on weekdays - None (onsite until 23:00, then on-call) c) Midday (12pm) on Sundays - One d) Midnight (12am) on Sundays - None (onsite until 23:00, then on-call)			
2. Please provide figures for your current a) emergency caesarean rate b) elective caesarean rate.	2024/2025 year to date total: a) 25.2% b) 18.3%			
3. Please could you tell me if there are any targets or policies in place to address the existing a) emergency caesarean rate b) elective caesarean rate if either are deemed outliers compared to other trusts.	There are currently no targets or policies in place			
4. Please provide details of your current policy on maternal request caesareans.	Included within our Caesarean Section Guideline. Section on maternal request copied below: Maternal request Women/birthing people may wish to consider a caesarean birth for many reasons. They should be supported to explore their options with the provision of unbiased, accurate information about the benefits and risks of all modes of birth. These discussions should also be recorded clearly including the specific reasons for the request. People with a fear of vaginal birth or labour should be offered support from both midwifery and obstetric team members, including those with expertise in providing perinatal mental health,			

	<p>to allow them to discuss their fears, consider options for plan for birth and ensure that they can make an informed choice.</p> <p>It would be appropriate for the woman/birthing person to see a named Consultant Obstetrician to help support their decision making. If that consultant does not feel able to support the persons choice, then they must be promptly referred to an alternate consultant to facilitate supportive care.</p> <p>If vaginal birth is not an acceptable option after a full discussion and offer of support, then a planned caesarean birth should be offered.</p>			
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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

Information Governance Team

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