

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 13/08/2019.

I am pleased to be able to provide you with the following information:

1	<i>What is your role (hospital midwife, community midwife, ...)?</i>	<b>Head of Midwifery</b>
<b>BIRTHS &amp; POST DISCHARGE</b>		
2	<i>What is the total number of births by caesarean section on average every month?</i>	<b>120</b>
3	<i>What is the number of births from women with BMI<math>\geq</math>30 by caesarean section on average every month?</i>	<b>31</b>
4	<i>How many post-discharge visits do you make, on average, after a lady has a caesarean section?</i>	<b>5</b>
5	<i>What percentage of post discharge visits are carried out:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>in out-patient clinics?</i></li> <li>• <i>as home visits?</i></li> </ul>	<b>27%</b> <b>73%</b>
<b>READMISSIONS</b>		
6	<i>What is the total number of monthly readmissions after a caesarean section?</i>	<b>&lt;1 (6 readmissions in last 8 months)</b>
7	<i>What is the number of monthly readmissions after caesarean section for women specifically with BMI<math>\geq</math>30?</i>	<b>&lt; 1 (2 readmissions in the last 8 months had a BMI of &gt;30)</b>
8	<i>What percentage of readmissions are related to surgical site infection after c-section across all BMI categories?</i>	<b>16%</b>
9	<i>What percentage of readmissions are related to surgical site infection in women after c-section in ladies with a higher BMI i.e. <math>\geq</math>30?</i>	<b>0</b>
10	<i>What is the average length of stay (bed days) for ladies who are re-admitted after c-section</i>	<b>2</b>
<b>WOUND INFECTION PREDICTION</b>		
11	<i>Do you think that wound inspection provides reliable assessment of later wound infection?</i>	<b>Freedom of Information gives access to recorded information held. Opinions do not fall within this criteria and we are therefore unable to provide the information requested.</b>
12	<i>Have you ever used a device / technology to predict caesarean wound infection? If yes, which one?</i>	<b>No</b>
13	<i>Do you see any potential advantages in the</i>	<b>Freedom of Information gives</b>

	<i>new proposed device to establish early prediction of SSI?</i>	<b>access to recorded information held. Opinions do not fall within this criteria and we are therefore unable to provide the information requested.</b>
14	<i>What evidence would you require to consider using such a device?</i>	
15	<i>What could be the barriers to adopting such a new device in the NHS?</i>	
16	<i>If it was available, how many would you need in your department:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>for in hospital use (inpatients)?</i></li> <li>• <i>for community use (post discharge visits)?</i></li> </ul>	
17	<i>Would you see the need for such a device by health visitors, beyond the 10 days post discharge period?</i>	
18	<i>Who would make the decision on the purchase of such devices (midwife, head of midwifery, commissioners, ...):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>for in hospital use (inpatients)?</i></li> <li>• <i>for community use (post discharge visits)?</i></li> </ul>	<b>The Senior Directorate Management Team (Clinical Director / Head of Midwifery)</b>
19	<i>Would you consider testing such a device? (if yes, please share your contact details)</i>	<b>Freedom of Information gives access to recorded information held. Opinions do not fall within this criteria and we are therefore unable to provide the information requested.</b>