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REQUEST

I would like to know if your Trust offers a Preterm Prevention Clinic for pregnant women. If so:

- What inclusion criteria is it set against
- What is the caseload capacity
- Do you have any data on success rate supporting this intervention?

Is this in addition to the implementation of continuity of care model which was requested by the government? If so:

- Do you have information on the interventions being used together for reduction preterm birth?

I would be interested in any information held by your Trust regarding my request. I understand I do not have to specify particular files or documents and I would be grateful if your department could be responsible to provide the information I require. If you need further clarification please contact me by email.

If my request is denied in whole or in part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I would please ask you to release all non-exempt material. I reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to charge excessive fees.

RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley NHS Trust offers a specialist Pre-Term Birth prevention clinic which is run weekly and lead by a Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist with a specialist interest in pre-term birth.

The inclusion criteria are as per the Greater Manchester and Eastern Cheshire SCN guideline.

High Risk women: those women who have had a previous cervical cerclage or history of a trachelectomy, previous pre-term birth or mid trimester loss (16-34 weeks gestation), previous premature rupture of fetal membranes occurring <34 weeks, history of intrauterine adhesions, history of LLETZ of depth >10mm, > two LLETZ or any uncertain history of LLETZ, history of knife cone

biopsy, known or suspected uterine variants (e.g. bicornuate uterus or uterine septum). Women of intermediate risk are also seen who have had a caesarean section at over 9cm or who had extensions into the lower segment at caesarean section. Locally we also see any women referred by either midwife or consultant with concerns regarding preterm birth risk that does not fit the above criteria.

There is capacity to see 12 women per week for a Consultant scan and assessment.

The data regarding the clinics success is not currently available as the clinic commenced in April 2021. There is ongoing data collection regarding outcomes, which looks positive but is yet to be fully analysed.

The preterm birth provision is in addition to the continuity model. The women have continuity from the lead midwife throughout time in the clinic but does not personally follow them all to term. The women who are followed to term, are the very high risk women, those who request transfer to the care of the lead midwife or those already booked under her.