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Subject: Breastfeeding and lactation training

REQUEST and RESPONSE

This request is for **STHK ONLY**

1. What specific breastfeeding and lactation training the staff on the ward and consultant(s) have taken, including year of study and relevant CPD to ensure knowledge is kept up to date. I would also like proof of qualifications through relevant certificates.

- Dr Garr (consultant)
- Leading paediatric consultant (Dr Aziz)
- All nursing staff on ward 4F
- Hospital at home nurses
- Paediatric dieticians,

The above staff have all completed relevant training The individual staff certificates are personal to the individual and not kept by the trust.

2. The percentage of mothers (and otherwise identifying lactating persons) of babies who went into ward 4F at Whiston hospital exclusively breastfeeding and who left exclusively formula feeding; the percentage of those who left exclusively pumping; and the percentage of those who left continuing the breastfeed.

Section 12 of the FOIA allows a public authority to refuse a request where it estimates that it would exceed the appropriate limit to comply with the request. The relevant section states:

12. (1) - Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

where the appropriate limit is equal to 18 hours of staff time as set by the *Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulation 2004*

In determining the time limit, the Trust can only take into account

- determining whether the information is held;
- locating the information, or a document containing it;

- retrieving the information, or a document containing it; and
- extracting the information from a document containing it.

In order to determine whether the information is held in respect of your request, the Trust would need to **review** 1250 Individual patient records. A simple report cannot be produced as there is not a specific code relating to foreign bodies being present in the patient's body.

Calculation - Across the Trust there are approximately 1250 Patients to review per year. If it took thirty minutes to review each event, the total time for determining whether the information is held and retrieving this information would equal 625 hours¹

Advice and Assistance

Under section 16 of the FOIA, advice and assistance should be provided to allow the request to come under the appropriate limit by scaling or modifying the request.

Unable to narrow

However, as the information is not readily available and the number of attendances so large, it would not be easy to scale down the request in this instance, for example, to one site. It would also not be possible to scale the request to one month as this would still exceed the time limit.

Unfortunately, the Trust is unable to provide further assistance in this instance.

I would like to request, under the freedom of information act, the pathway for faltering growth guidelines for paediatricians at Whiston hospital, and other units. Because I don't believe an evidence-based pathway to have been followed in its entirety. I would also like to request the tongue tie pathway documents, and the code agreement within the BFI (only a two-day training course on breastfeeding) for milk supply.

See Attached

¹ 1259 attendances * 30 minute to review each event = 37500 minutes
37500 minutes = 628 hours,

