

Ref. No: FOI0021
Date: 07/07/2023
Subject: TONGUE TIE

REQUEST

This request is for **STHK ONLY**

Please see below a request for the following information relating to tongue tie in babies aged **0-12 months**.

- How many babies were born within your trust between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?
- How many babies were diagnosed with ankyloglossia (tongue tie) between Jan1st 2022 and December 31 2022 at your trust?
- On average how many days after birth was a tongue tie diagnosis made between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?
- How many babies diagnosed with tongue tie were referred for a frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?
- Is the frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) available to babies who are fully formula fed?
- How many frenotomy procedures (tongue tie division) were carried out on babies at your trust between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?
- What was the average waiting time in days between diagnosis/ referral and a frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?
- How many women had to wait 3 weeks or longer after a referral for a frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) or their baby between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?
- How many women waited more than 6 weeks, 8 weeks, 12 weeks and 16 weeks or longer for a frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) for their baby between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?
- What is the longest amount of time a women had to wait after a referral for a frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) for their baby between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?
- If there is no tongue tie division service in your trust how many referrals were made to an alternative NHS Service for tongue toe division?
- How many women declined the offer of a frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) within the NHS between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?

Of the women who declined the offer of a frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) within the NHS between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022 are you aware how many sought treatment privately instead?

RESPONSE

1. How many babies were born within your trust between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022? **There were 3875 babies born at this Trust within this time frame.**
2. How many babies were diagnosed with ankyloglossia (tongue tie) between Jan1st 2022 and December 31 2022 at your trust?
There were 254 babies diagnosed with tongue tie that required referral. In order to ascertain if any other babies were born with a tongue tie not requiring intervention a review of all births would be required to ascertain this information that would take in excess of 18 hours.
3. On average how many days after birth was a tongue tie diagnosis made between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?
We do not routinely capture this data. In order to ascertain this information, a review of all births would be required which would take in excess of 18 hours.
4. How many babies diagnosed with tongue tie were referred for a frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?
254 referrals
5. Is the frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) available to babies who are fully formula fed?
Yes
6. How many frenotomy procedures (tongue tie division) were carried out on babies at your trust between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?
For the time period requested the frenotomy procedures were undertaken in an external Trust following referral and therefore we do not have this information at this Trust
7. What was the average waiting time in days between diagnosis/ referral and a frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?
For the time period requested the frenotomy procedures were undertaken in an external Trust following referral and therefore we do not have this information at this Trust
8. How many women had to wait 3 weeks or longer after a referral for a frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) or their baby between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?
For the time period requested the frenotomy procedures were undertaken in an external Trust following referral and therefore we do not have this information at this Trust

9. How many women waited more than 6 weeks, 8 weeks, 12 weeks and 16 weeks or longer for a frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) for their baby between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?
For the time period requested the frenotomy procedures were undertaken in an external Trust following referral and therefore we do not have this information at this Trust
10. What is the longest amount of time a women had to wait after a referral for a frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) for their baby between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?
For the time period requested the frenotomy procedures were undertaken in an external Trust following referral and therefore we do not have this information at this Trust
11. If there is no tongue tie division service in your trust how many referrals were made to an alternative NHS Service for tongue tie division?
All referrals within this time frame were made to an alternative NHS service.
12. How many women declined the offer of a frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) within the NHS between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?
This information would be required to be provided from the alternative NHS service.
13. Of the women who declined the offer of a frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) within the NHS between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022 are you aware how many sought treatment privately instead?
The Trust would not be aware if parents sought a private appointment.