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Subject: Tongue Tie

REQUEST

Request for Southport and Ormskirk Hospitals NHS Trust only

1. How many babies were born within your Trust between January 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?
2. How many babies were diagnosed with ankyloglossia (tongue tie) between January 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022 at your Trust?
3. On average how many days after birth was a tongue tie diagnosis made between January 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?
4. How many babies diagnosed with tongue tie were referred for a frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) between January 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?
5. Is the frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) available to babies who are fully formula fed?
6. How many frenotomy procedures (tongue tie division) were carried out on babies at your Trust between January 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?
7. What was the average waiting time in days between diagnosis / referral and a frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) between January 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?
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 January 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?
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 January 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?
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 January 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?

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?

12.How many women declined the offer of a frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) within the NHS between January 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?

13.Of the women who declined the offer of a frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) within the NHS between January 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 January 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?

2,310 including stillbirths.

2. How many babies were diagnosed with ankyloglossia (tongue tie) between January 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022 at your Trust?

110 - Ankyloglossia identified as coded as across all diagnosis positions, but definitive diagnosis only will be made after full assessment at Frenulotomy service, if / when referred. If there are no feeding problems identified, a referral will not be made as per NICE guidance.

3. On average how many days after birth was a tongue tie diagnosis made between January 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?

2 days (usually between day 1-5)

4. How many babies diagnosed with tongue tie were referred for a frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) between January 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?

29 referrals made to external services from Maternity Ward, but a small number of other referrals may have been made directly by the Community Midwifery Team, Neonatal Unit and Childrens Ward for which we do not collect data.

5. Is the frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) available to babies who are fully formula fed?

Yes, if they have feeding problems.

- 6. How many frenotomy procedures (tongue tie division) were carried out on babies at your Trust between January 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?**

Nil - we do not have a Frenulotomy service at Ormskirk and Southport Hospitals.

- 7. What was the average waiting time in days between diagnosis / referral and a frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) between January 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?**

We do not hold this data as the appointments are sent out directly to the parents from the service they are referred to.

- 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 January 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?**

N/A

- 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 January 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?**

N/A

- 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 January 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?**

N/A

- 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?**

Please refer to the response to question four.

- 12. How many women declined the offer of a frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) within the NHS between January 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?**

We do not hold this data.

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

N/A