Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board

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Dear Requestor

RE: Freedom of Information Request

With reference to your request for information I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we partially hold the information that you have requested. A response to each part of your request is below.

In the request you asked:

- How many early pregnancy units do you have within your health board? Please can you provide the opening times of those early pregnancy units?

  There are four Early Pregnancy Units in our Integrated Care Board area at Bassetlaw Hospital, Nottingham University Hospital sites (City Hospital and Queens Medical Centre sites) and King's Mill Hospital. Please contact the providers for details of opening times.

  How to submit a Freedom of Information request to each Trust can be found on their websites linked below.

  Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust - https://www.nuh.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information

  Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - https://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/about-us/contact-us/freedom-of-information-act-access-information-from-a-public-body/

  Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - https://www.dbth.nhs.uk/contact/freedom-of-information/

- Do you have any *dedicated* recurrent pregnancy-loss clinics or recurrent miscarriage clinics within your health board? If so, please can you give the number of clinics you have?

  There are three clinics of this type called Rainbow Clinics in our Integrated Care Board area. Two at Nottingham University Hospital sites of City Hospital and Queens Medical Centre and one at King's Mill Hospital. Bassetlaw Hospital has a nurse in gynaecology to support women with miscarriages with follow up but not a dedicated Rainbow Clinic for women currently.

- Do you have any *dedicated* pregnancy-loss clinics or miscarriage clinics (i.e. for non recurring losses) within your health board? If so, please can you give the number of clinics you have?

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- How many recurrent miscarriages would an individual need to experience before being entitled to an investigation into the causes?

The ICB does not hold this information as this would be based on clinical decision making by the provider. You may wish to contact the individual provider Trusts to request this. How to submit a Freedom of Information request to each Trust can be found on their websites linked below.

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- What mental health support do you offer for people affected by miscarriage?

  The ICB commission a Trauma and Bereavement service for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. This provides support for PTSD following perinatal loss, including early miscarriage and recurrent miscarriage. The service specification states 'The service will specifically support birthing parents experiencing serious and complex mental health need/s related to the perinatal period but not meeting the criteria for the Perinatal Community Mental Health Team, such as birth trauma, tokophobia, **neo-natal or pregnancy loss or conception issues**, or whose needs exceed the expertise of IAPT services and other Third Sector providers'.

If you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) have an internal review procedure through which you can raise any concerns you might have. Further details of this procedure can be obtained by contacting Lucy Branson, Associate Director of Governance via lucy.branson@nhs.net or by writing to FOI Team at NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB, Sir John Robinson House, Sir John Robinson Way, Arnold, Daybrook, Nottingham, NG5 6DA.

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Complaints to the Information Commissioner's Office should be sent to:

FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone 0303 123 1113 or report a concern via https://ico.org.uk/concerns/

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information (FOI) Officer on behalf of *NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board*

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