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Dear Requestor

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your request for information, received on 16 April 2025, regarding specialist midwives dedicated to supporting women who use substances during the perinatal period. We have processed your request in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Under the FOIA, public authorities like ours are required to respond to requests for information within 20 working days. In response to your request, I can confirm that we partially hold the information requested.

**Details of your request:**

1. Does your Integrated Care System (ICS) or any NHS organisation within your ICS have specialist midwives dedicated to supporting women who use substances during the perinatal period?
  - If so, please provide any documentation available for these services, such as referral guidelines, service protocols, or links to relevant webpages or online resources.
2. Are there any other dedicated services within your ICS area that provide care to women who use or are in treatment for substances during the perinatal period?
  - Please provide details on the service, including:
    - a. Who leads the service and which professionals are involved in delivering the care.
    - b. Whether this service is a partnership between:
      - i. NHS
      - ii. Third sector organisations
      - iii. Local authority
      - iv. Other organisations
    - c. If applicable, whether the service involves a manualised intervention, is an outreach service, or has a specific location.
    - d. Whether the service is provided by a national organisation, or any other relevant details.
  - Please provide any documentation, guidelines, or protocols related to these services, and/or any relevant URLs.

## **Our response to your request:**

The ICB can confirm that both Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust and Sherwood Forest Hospitals Foundation Trust do have Specialist Midwives dedicated to supporting women who use substances during the perinatal period.

The Trusts themselves will be able to provide further information on this topic and details of how to submit a Freedom of Information request to each provider 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/>

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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

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