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25 June 2024

Dear,

Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-4079-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 1 June 2024.

We can confirm that the ICB does hold part of the information you requested.

Please find our response to your questions below:

We are aware of the NHS England FASP 20 week scan guidance document. "There is no requirement to archive images of the fetal cardiac protocol views". However, we are aware there is disparity amongst NHS hospital trusts nationally when congenital heart defects are not identified at this scan. We understand some hospital trusts don't retain fetal cardiac images, some do, and some retain video clips, and some retain both. There doesn't seem to be any consistency.

We have been advised by NHS England that they do not hold the following information as it is "granular". We have been advised to approach each of the ICS/ICB's in England. We've been advised the regional CHD networks also do not hold the information.

1. Which hospital trusts within your ICS perform antenatal screening, including the 20 week fetal anomaly scan?

East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust
Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust
Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

2. When congenital heart defects are not identified during screening at the 20 week fetal anomaly scan;

a) Which hospital trusts within your ICS do not retain the fetal cardiac views?

b) For how long has each hospital trust within your ICS not retained the fetal cardiac views?

3. When congenital heart defects are not identified during screening at the 20 week fetal anomaly scan;

a) Which hospitals trusts within your ICS do retain the fetal cardiac views?

b) For how long has each hospital trust within your ICS retained the fetal cardiac views?

c) Concerning the trusts which do currently retain cardiac views when congenital heart defects are not identified, please clarify whether these trusts retain still images or video clips or both.

The ICB does not commission antenatal and newborn screening directly. Please redirect the request to the providers listed in question 1:

<https://elht.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information>

<https://www.blackpoolteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/services/information-governance/freedom-information-foi>

<https://www.uhmb.nhs.uk/our-trust/freedom-information>

<https://www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information>

Right of Appeal

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are dissatisfied with the response, you are entitled to request an internal review which should be formally requested in writing and must be within two calendar months from the date this response was issued.

To request an internal review

You can request this by contacting the FOI team by email at MLCSU.FOITeam@nhs.net or by post to Leyland House, Lancashire Business Park, Leyland, PR26 6TR, specifying why you require a review.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the CCGs FOI complaints procedure. The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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**On behalf of Kevin Lavery
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