

FOI request - maternity care for survivors of sexual abuse and/or sexual violence

I am undertaking a FOI request across all UK NHS Hospital Trust/ Health Boards, with the aim of creating a picture of the maternity service provision for survivors of sexual violence and/or sexual abuse.

I would be very grateful if you could complete this survey on behalf of your NHS organisation. Please include information about community services, in addition to acute services.

Some of the information may need to be collected from specific midwives or obstetricians within your organisation.

I also include a few questions about staff training and resources in relation to your whole organisation so that a broad comparison between maternity and other departments within your organisation can be made.

I am aware that the topic of sexual violence is a sensitive one, and that some of these questions may be challenging or upsetting for some people.

Thank you

Maternity staff training and support

1. Please indicate if your Trust /Health Board provides the following training to all midwives

	Yes / No
Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse	Limited to some info about sexual abuse at induction and contained within induction booklet, and in safeguarding training.
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	No, but we are aiming to do this. We do discuss ACES's (Adverse Childhood Experiences)

2. Please indicate if your Trust /Health Board provides the following training to all nurses who provide care during early pregnancy [including termination of pregnancy]

	Yes / No
Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse	As per Q 1
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	

3. Please indicate if your Trust /Health Board provides the following training to all nurses (if any) who are employed within maternity to provide care during pregnancy [during antenatal and postnatal periods]

	Yes / No/ NA
Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse	As per Q1
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	

4. Please indicate if your Trust /Health Board provides the following training to all anaesthetists who work within maternity

	Yes / No
Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse	As per Q1
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	

5. Please indicate if your Trust /Health Board provides the following training to all obstetricians and gynaecologists

	Yes / No
Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse	As per Q1
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	

6. Please indicate if your Trust /Health Board provides the following training to all Lactation Consultants / Infant Feeding Specialists

	Yes / No
Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse	As per Q1
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	

7. Please indicate if your Trust / Health Board provides the following training to all support staff working within maternity [HCAs / MSWs]

	Yes / No
Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse	As per Q1
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	

8. Please indicate if your Trust / Health Board provides the following training to all sonographers

	Yes / No
Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse	As per Q1
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	

9. Does your Trust /Health Board have a SARC referral centre on site? [please circle]

No [please go to q. 11]

10. Do you provide specific training in relation to SARC referrals to the relevant members of the maternity team? [please circle]

Not applicable

11. Does your Health Board / Trust have any specific maternity related resources that staff can use to support them / guide them in providing care to survivors who have disclosed? [please circle]

Yes

12. Please provide as much detail as you are able to about the resources [then go to q.14]

We would refer to Lifecentre - a charity offering support to people of all ages, genders and backgrounds who have had an unwanted sexual experience. <https://lifecentre.uk.com/contact-us/>

If required we could also offer IAPT (Improving Access to Psychological Therapies) services or PNMH (peri-natal Mental Health)

13. Are there any plans in place to create / obtain such maternity related resources? If yes, please state in as much detail as you are able to

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14. Do you provide any specific support to maternity staff members who themselves are survivors of sexual violence and/or sexual abuse? [please circle]

Yes

No [please go to q.16]

15. Please describe the support in as much detail as you are able [then go to q.17]

The Trust offers a range of mental and emotional wellbeing resources for staff that includes counselling, sexual abuse and sexual violence awareness, listening services, helplines and wellbeing hubs. Additional support can be offered through Occupational Health as required.

16. Are there any plans in place to create / obtain such maternity related resources? If yes, please state in as much detail as you are able to

Specialist maternity roles

17. Does your Trust/Health Board have any members of staff within your maternity department who provide specialist services / guidance to colleagues in relation to care for survivors of sexual violence and/or sexual abuse? [please circle]

No [please go to q.19]

18. Please state which members of the maternity team provide these services and what further training they receive in order to undertake this role. Please state if no further training is undertaken [please then go to q. 20]

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19. Please describe how members of the maternity team are supported to ensure that survivors of sexual violence and /or sexual abuse receive the maternity care that they require

This would be a multidisciplinary process. Currently, staff would be supported by the senior midwifery team, with advice from colleagues in WORTH services (https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/11152/worth_services.pdf), the Professional Midwifery Advocate (PMA) and manager support.

Clinical care provision within maternity

20. Are women who disclose domestic violence or abuse routinely asked if they have experienced sexual violence or sexual abuse? [please circle]

21. Does your Health Board / Trust provide any maternity specific specialist clinical or support services for survivors? [Examples could include information leaflets, specialist clinics, care pathways, peer support groups, infant feeding support, flagging system on clinical notes] [please circle]

No [please go to q.25]

22. Please provide as much detail as you are able to about these services

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23. Do you collect demographic information about who accesses these services? [please circle]

Yes

No [please go to q.25]

24. Please provide as much demographic information as you are able [then go to q.26]

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25. Are there any plans in place to develop any specialist services? If so, please provide as much detail as you are able

Organisation details

26. [Organisation wide] Does your Trust/Health Board have any members of staff across your organisation who provide specialist services / guidance to colleagues in relation to care for survivors of sexual violence and/or sexual abuse?

Yes

No [please go to q.28]

27. Please state who provides these services and what training they receive. Please state if they do not receive any further training

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28. [Organisation wide] Please indicate if your Trust /Health Board provides the following training to all clinical staff

	Yes / No
Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse	As per Q1
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	

29. [Organisation wide] Does your Health Board / Trust have any generic or other speciality specific [such as ophthalmology] resources that staff across your organisation can use to support them / guide them in providing care to survivors who have disclosed? [please circle]

Yes

No [please go to q.31

30. Please provide as much detail as you are able to about the resources [then please go to q.32]

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31. Are there any plans in place to create / obtain such resources? If yes, please state in as much detail as you are able to

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32. Please state the name of the NHS organisation completing this survey

University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust

Thank you very much for completing this FOI request