

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/21/250
Maternal Request Caesarean Sections

Request details

- 1. How many maternal request caesareans were carried out in your Trust between April 2019 and April 2020 with no other significant medical, obstetric or psychological indication?**

In completing a search for the information requested, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) has confirmed that this information is not centrally recorded or collated. To retrieve the information requested would require a manual search through individual records and the UHB considers that this would exceed the limit set within regulations for responding to a request. The UHB has therefore relied upon the Section 12 exemption ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is refusing your request.

The UHB has estimated that to complete the work needed to respond to this request would exceed the time limit as set within regulations to respond to a Freedom of Information Act request. Under the Act there is an allowance of two and a half days, or 18 hours, to comply with a request and the cost limit set within the fees regulations for this amount of work (18 hours) is £450 for the UHB. The fees regulations specify that the cost of complying with a request must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour.

- 2. What were the total number of caesarean sections carried out in your Trust between April 2019 and April 2020?**

1387

- 3. Please confirm how your Trust complies with the revised NICE guideline [NG192] in relation to Maternal Request for Caesarean Birth points 1.2.25 – 1.2.31 – published March 31 2021**

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng192/chapter/Recommendations>

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) does not hold this information.

- 4. Do you have an explicitly stated policy not to offer Maternal Request Caesarean Sections (MRCS) in your Trust?**

No

- 5. Do you have a written guideline for Maternal Request Caesarean Sections (MRCS) in your Trust? If yes, please provide a copy of the written guideline**

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) does not have a guideline for this.

- 6. Do you require a compulsory mental health appointment in order for a Caesarean Section to be offered?**

No

- 7. Do you have a policy which states the number of weeks into pregnancy the decision for a Caesarean Section would be made? If yes please state number of weeks.**

No

- 8. Are there any other conditions which must be met in order to be offered a Maternal Request Caesarean Section in your Trust? If yes, please provide a copy of the conditions**

No