

Title: **Maternal Vaccinations**

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

*I am researching how maternal vaccinations are delivered across the NHS. Could you please answer the following questions for me:*

1. *Does your trust provide the following services to pregnant women:*

- a. *Tdap (Pertussis)/whooping cough vaccination*
- b. *Influenza vaccination*

Answer: Both of these vaccinations are offered to maternity patients. The Pertussis containing vaccination is offered all year round and the Influenza vaccination is offered during the 'Flu season' September to March.

2. *If you do not provide either service, please specify where pregnant women needing these services are treated?*

Answer: Not applicable, please see response to question 1.

3. *Of the total numbers of Healthcare Professionals that recommend/raise conversations regarding the Tdap (pertussis)/whooping cough vaccination to pregnant women across your Trust, what is the estimated % of each of the following types of HCPs:*

- a. *Midwife*
- b. *Nurse*
- c. *Doctor*

Answer: Eastern Services: Vaccine conversations are held by both midwives and doctors. \*To calculate the percentage would require reviews of individual records. Northern Services: The Pertussis containing vaccination is discussed by all midwives and also by Obstetricians. Ultrasound Sonographers also are able to signpost to the midwives for the vaccination within the Antenatal Clinic. There are midwives specifically trained for vaccinations who are able to discuss and administer the vaccination, primarily based in the Antenatal Clinic. \*It is not possible to calculate a percentage but is expected that all Midwives and Obstetricians are able to discuss and offer this.

\*The Trust has considered your request for 'estimated %', however to provide you with the information requested would require the manual extraction and manipulation of information from various sources. To carry out this work would exceed the appropriate cost limit as set out in Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is therefore exempt.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 12 (1) and defined in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if it estimates the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit of £450 represents the estimated cost of one person spending two and a half days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting that information.

4. *Of the total numbers of Healthcare Professionals that deliver the Tdap (pertussis)/whooping cough vaccination to pregnant women across your Trust, what is the estimated % of each of the following types of HCPs:*
- a. *Midwife*
  - b. *Nurse*
  - c. *Doctor*

Answer:

Eastern Services: 100% of vaccines administered by midwives with 1 Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) and 13 bank midwives available. No Doctors or Nurses administer vaccines in the eastern Maternity service. Northern Services: At the current time 100% of the Pertussis containing vaccinations are administered by specifically trained Midwives via a PGD. We have previously had a nurse vaccinator complete some bank shifts and had been discussing and administering these within the Antenatal clinic but not at the current time.

5. *Of the total numbers of Healthcare Professionals that recommend/raise conversations regarding the influenza vaccination to pregnant women across your Trust, what is the estimated % of each of the following types of HCPs:*
- a. *Midwife*
  - b. *Nurse*
  - c. *Doctor*

Answer: Eastern Services: Vaccine conversations are held by both midwives and doctors. \*To calculate the percentage would require reviews of individual records. Northern Services: The Influenza vaccination is discussed by all midwives and also by Obstetricians. The Ultrasound Sonographers within the Antenatal Clinic will signpost to the midwives for this vaccination. There are midwives specifically trained for vaccinations who are able to discuss and administer the vaccination, primarily based in the Antenatal Clinic. \*It is not possible to calculate a percentage but it is expected that all Midwives and Obstetricians are able to discuss these.

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6. *Of the total numbers of Healthcare Professionals that deliver the influenza vaccination to pregnant women across your Trust, what is the estimated % of each of the following types of HCPs:*

- a. Midwife*
- b. Nurse*
- c. Doctor*

Answer: Eastern Services: 100% of vaccines administered by midwives with 1 Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) and 13 bank midwives available. No Doctors or Nurses administer vaccines in the eastern Maternity service. Northern Services: 100% of the Influenza vaccinations given within maternity are given by specifically trained midwives.