

Title: Pre-Pregnancy Counselling Clinics

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

Your Trust has been approached because it provides consultant-led maternity services. I would be very grateful if you would complete this survey within the Freedom of Information timeframe.

Answer: Please see table below representing Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (RDUH) Eastern & Northern Services.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST ON HOSPITAL PRE-PREGNANCY COUNSELLING CLINICS FOR WOMEN WITH MEDICAL PROBLEMS

	Question	Response (Eastern Services)	Response (Northern Services)
1	<i>Please provide the names of each hospital in your Trust providing consultant-led maternity services and state if they provide tertiary or secondary maternity care</i>	RDUH Eastern service has an Obstetric led unit on the Wonford site of the Royal Devon and Exeter hospital	RDUH Northern services. Provide Obstetric led and Midwifery led care
2	<i>Please provide the names of any of the hospitals in question 1 who also currently provide a Pre-Pregnancy Counselling (PPC) clinic for women with medical illnesses. If you do not provide PPC clinic please go on to question 4</i>	PPC is offered by Obstetric Consultants following referral	We do offer PPC service via our ANC and dedicated maternal medicine obstetric consultant
3	<i>For each hospital in question 2, please state whether the PPC clinics are for all medical diseases or only specific ones (if specific please list)</i>	All referrals for any medical disease or condition accepted	All referrals for any medical disease or condition accepted
4	<i>Do the maternity managers in your Trust consider there is a need for PPC clinics for women with medical illnesses to be provided by their consultant-led units?</i>	RDUH East are working collaboratively with the South West Maternal Medicine Network to develop enhanced care pathways for those with existing and/or developing medical complexities. Part of this pathway	RDUH North are working collaboratively with the South West Maternal Medicine Network to develop enhanced care pathways for those with existing and/or developing medical complexities. Part of this pathway

		development will consider PPC care.	development will consider PPC care.
5	<i>What are the main barriers to implementation of PPC clinics in your organisation?</i>	We are not commissioned for this service	We are not commissioned for this service but have built within our antenatal clinic provision
6	<i>What are the main enablers to implementation of PPC clinics in your organisation?</i>	Dedicated staff with keen interest	Dedicated staff with keen interest
7	<i>If you provide PPC clinics:</i>		
	<i>a. how are they funded? (e.g. gynaecology encounter, medical speciality encounter, +/- recharge to maternity etc)</i>	Not applicable	Funded via the ANC block funding.
	<i>b. Are they run by a single clinician? If yes, what is the clinician's speciality?</i>	Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist	Yes, Obstetric Consultant
	<i>c. Are the PPC clinics run jointly by multiple clinicians? If yes, what are the specialities of the clinicians?</i>	Specialist Midwifery input such as Antenatal screening or public health available if required.	Midwives are also available including public health specialist MW
8	<i>If you do not currently provide PPC clinics for women with medical diseases, are you planning to provide them in the future?</i>	Not applicable	Not applicable
9	<i>Please provide any other relevant information about your pre-pregnancy counselling services not covered above</i>	-	-