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Internal Ref: 260135
Email:

Dear ,

The trust acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) request, referenced above. Please ensure you quote this number in any future correspondence.

FOI Request

We are writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We are a team undertaking a **rapid review of enhanced maternity care pathways for people with obesity during pregnancy**. This work forms part of the Athena project at **Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust**, supported by the **University of Leeds**, to map current practice nationally and identify best practices, barriers, and facilitators to implementation.

Please provide the following information for your Trust:

1. **Pathway availability**
 - Does your Trust have an enhanced and/or specialist maternity pathway for pregnant people with a raised BMI (for example BMI ≥ 40 , or any other threshold used locally)?
2. **Documents requested**

If yes, please provide copies (current versions) of any relevant documents, such as:

 - Pathway documents, clinical guidelines, guidance documents
 - Referral criteria and triage tools
 - Patient information leaflets used as part of the pathway
 - Any related governance documents (e.g., policy statements or service specifications) that describe how the pathway operates
3. **Evaluation and resources**
 - Any evaluation reports, audits, business cases, or outcome summaries relating to the pathway (if held)



If your Trust does not have a specific pathway a brief confirmation would be helpful.

Format and practicalities:

- Email response is preferred. If documents are large, please provide links or attachments in common formats (PDF/Word).
- Please also include the **name and contact details** of the lead for the enhanced care pathway.
- If any part of this request is refused under an exemption, please provide the exemption(s) relied upon and the reasoning and release any non-exempt material.
- If clarification would help to reduce cost or locate information, please contact us and we will refine the request.

Many thanks for your assistance.

Formal Response

The trust has no specific pathway for pregnant people with a raised Body Mass Index (BMI).

Next steps

Please note you will be able to source a lot of information which is made available on our website.

Should you be dissatisfied with our response then in the first instance please contact Richard Banks, Head of Corporate Governance, via the following email address: FOI@secamb.nhs.uk

You can ask us to review our original response. If you would like us to carry out an internal review, please let us know within 40 working days of you receiving our original response. This review will be conducted by an individual who was not directly involved in reviewing the original response, ordinarily, the Trust Data Protection Officer.

We will endeavour to complete this request within 20 working days.

Should you remain dissatisfied then you can contact the [Information Commissioner's Office](https://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints) (ICO). Complaints to the ICO should be made within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review. The easiest way to lodge a complaint is through their website: www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints.



Alternatively, the ICO's postal address is:
Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

**Freedom of Information Coordinator
South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust**



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