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Email:

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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/17/08/02.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

I am currently writing a review article of the recent WOMAN (World Maternal Antifibrinolytic—trial) and exploring its applicability to UK paramedic practice, namely:

Does the World Maternal Antifibrinolytic—trial support UK paramedic pre-hospital administration of Tranexamic Acid for Postpartum Haemorrhage?

As part of this article, I am hoping to explore the scale of paramedic intervention in postpartum haemorrhage. To quantify this argument, I wonder if it would be possible to collect some anonymised raw data, purely on the *number* of patients your Trust has treated for PPH from January 2016 – December 2016. I understand this may not be available, depending on how the Trust captures patient data and clinical impressions / diagnoses. If PPH specifically is not audited by the Trust, would it be possible to send the number of births attended to by the Trust in the stated timescale, thereby allowing a 'best estimate' of PPH patients likely to be encountered by UK paramedics?

The total number of calls we received in 2016 that were categorised as maternity was 2567. However, we cannot determine how many of these related to PPH as in order to extract this information it would require manually going through each individual record and exceed 18 hours and would therefore fall under Section 12- FOI (Appropriate limit and fees) Regulations 2004

Please note that the problem nature is determined by the call taker, and not a diagnosis, what was found when a crew arrived on scene or what the patient was treated for if conveyed to hospital.

Similarly, could you please advise me if your Trust currently carries any other drug therapy for PPH (e.g. syntometrine or misoprostol as per JRCALC), and if your current TXA PGD or administration guidelines recognise PPH as an indication for paramedic TXA administration.

We stock tranexamic acid at SECamb. We are reviewing the position re syntometrine and misoprostol, but currently carry neither.

The current TXA PGD states inclusion for PPH within 24 hours of delivery.

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Information Governance Manager via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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