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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/17/11/28.

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

How many incidences of postpartum haemorrhage did SECamb attend between 2013 and 2016?

Please see below the total number of calls we received in that were categorised as maternity. 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 18hours 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.

Year	No. of Incidents
2013	2973
2014	2878
2015	2662
2016	2567

When was Misoprostol removed from practice and why?

We chose to not introduce this due to the off licence nature of the use of the medicine (indicated oral medicine used via non-oral route)

Since Misoprostol was removed from practice, have the number of maternal deaths, locally, caused by postpartum haemorrhage changed?

We have not removed Misoprostol as we never introduced it, so we cannot answer this question.

What is the current treatment and management of postpartum haemorrhage in SECamb?

Tranexamic Acid, as per national guidance

Are there any alternatives to Tranexamic acid currently being considered, if so what are they and why are they being considered?

We are reviewing the position re syntometrine and misoprostol, but currently carry neither

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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