

FOI request - maternity care for survivors of sexual abuse and/or sexual violence

I am undertaking a FOI request across all UK NHS Hospital Trust/ Health Boards, with the aim of creating a picture of the maternity service provision for survivors of sexual violence and/or sexual abuse.

I would be very grateful if you could complete this survey on behalf of your NHS organisation. Please include information about community services, in addition to acute services.

Some of the information may need to be collected from specific midwives or obstetricians within your organisation.

I also include a few questions about staff training and resources in relation to your whole organisation so that a broad comparison between maternity and other departments within your organisation can be made.

Maternity staff training and support

1. Please indicate if your Trust /Health Board provides the following training to all midwives

	Yes / No
Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse	Yes
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	No

2. Please indicate if your Trust /Health Board provides the following training to all nurses who provide care during early pregnancy [including termination of pregnancy]

	Yes / No
Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse	Yes
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	No

3. Please indicate if your Trust /Health Board provides the following training to all nurses (if any) who are employed within maternity to provide care during pregnancy [during antenatal and postnatal periods]

	Yes / No/ NA
Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse	Yes
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	No
No nurses are employed in this role	N/A

4. Please indicate if your Trust /Health Board provides the following training to all anaesthetists who work within maternity

	Yes / No
Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse	Yes
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	No

5. Please indicate if your Trust /Health Board provides the following training to all obstetricians and gynaecologists

	Yes / No
Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse	Yes
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	No

6. Please indicate if your Trust /Health Board provides the following training to all Lactation Consultants / Infant Feeding Specialists

	Yes / No
Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse	Yes
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	No

7. Please indicate if your Trust / Health Board provides the following training to all support staff working within maternity [HCAs / MSWs]

	Yes / No
Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse	Yes
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	No

8. Please indicate if your Trust / Health Board provides the following training to all sonographers

	Yes / No
Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse	No
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	No

9. Does your Trust /Health Board have a SARC referral centre on site? [please circle]

No [please go to q. 11]

10. Do you provide specific training in relation to SARC referrals to the relevant members of the maternity team? [please circle]

N/A

11. Does your Health Board / Trust have any specific maternity related resources that staff can use to support them / guide them in providing care to survivors who have disclosed? [please circle]

Yes

12. Please provide as much detail as you are able to about the resources [then go to q.14]

- NHS FGM Helping to protect your daughter from FGM leaflet for families
- Maternity services DA guideline available on the intranet
- The Nelson Charitable trust referral and leaflet
- Fear Less, breaking the cycle of abuse. Information leaflet and referral.
- SVPP website has resources available.

13. Are there any plans in place to create / obtain such maternity related resources? If yes, please state in as much detail as you are able to

N/A

14. Do you provide any specific support to maternity staff members who themselves are survivors of sexual violence and/or sexual abuse? [please circle]

Yes

15. Please describe the support in as much detail as you are able [then go to q.17]

Domestic Abuse Policy – Supporting Our Employees - [Domestic Abuse Policy – Supporting Our Employees \(microguide.global\)](#)

16. Are there any plans in place to create / obtain such maternity related resources? If yes, please state in as much detail as you are able to

N/A

Specialist maternity roles

17. Does your Trust/Health Board have any members of staff within your maternity department who provide specialist services / guidance to colleagues in relation to care for survivors of sexual violence and/or sexual abuse? [please circle]

Yes

18. Please state which members of the maternity team provide these services and what further training they receive in order to undertake this role. Please state if no further training is undertaken [please then go to q. 20)

- **Positive Birth Service. This is given by 2 midwives in the Trust. As a special interest. This is not a specialist role and they have received no formal training. But they will identify the women who need further support and refer them to clinical psychology @ SDH.**
- **Clinical psychology @ SDH.**
- **Named Midwife for safeguarding children.**
- **Specialist Mental Health Midwife.**
- **Psychological wellbeing midwife. This is a new role.**
- **Training that can be accessed via our Safeguarding Vulnerable People Partnership in Wiltshire: Courses where sexual assault and violence is covered is the following:**
- **Awareness of Domestic Abuse**
- **DASH & MARAC Training**
- **Sexualised Behaviour**
- **Contextual Safeguarding**
- **All midwives have to attend L3 safeguarding Children training every 3 years. Our in house L3 Safeguarding Children Training includes sexual abuse/violence.**

19. Please describe how members of the maternity team are supported to ensure that survivors of sexual violence and /or sexual abuse receive the maternity care that they require

- **There is only 1 midwife who covers all of safeguarding, including the training and that is The Named Midwife for Safeguarding Children is the only person in Safeguarding and she provides training to all midwives, nurses in maternity, MCA'a, MA's and Obstetric staff. She also provides safeguarding supervision.**
- **All midwives are aware of the positive birth service.**
- **The CMW's will write a complex care plan for these women with the support from 2 experienced Band 7 midwives if required.**

Clinical care provision within maternity

20. Are women who disclose domestic violence or abuse routinely asked if they have experienced sexual violence or sexual abuse? [please circle]

Yes

21. Does your Health Board / Trust provide any maternity specific specialist clinical or support services for survivors? [Examples could include information leaflets, specialist clinics, care pathways, peer support groups, infant feeding support, flagging system on clinical notes] [please circle]

Yes

22 Please provide as much detail as you are able to about these services

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- **Psychological wellbeing midwife**
- **NHS FGM information leaflet for families.**
- **Patient experience Midwife who will recognise and refer to clinical psychology.**
- **Electronic system has alerts flagged on the system.**

23 Do you collect demographic information about who accesses these services? [please circle]

No [please go to q.25]

24. Please provide as much demographic information as you are able [then go to q.26]

N/A as No to 23

25. Are there any plans in place to develop any specialist services? If so, please provide as much detail as you are able.

- **We are about to employ a Psychological Well Being Band 7 Midwife. Part of that role will be to provide trauma informed care.**

Organisation details

26[Organisation wide] Does your Trust/Health Board have any members of staff across your organisation who provide specialist services / guidance to colleagues in relation to care for survivors of sexual violence and/or sexual abuse?

Yes

27 Please state who provides these services and what training they receive. Please state if they do not receive any further training.

- **Clinical psychology @ Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust.**
- **IAPT: Improving Access to psychological therapies.**
- **Sexual health doctor in sexual health department @ SDH.**

28 [Organisation wide] Please indicate if your Trust /Health Board provides the following training to all clinical staff

	Yes / No
Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse	Yes
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	No

29[Organisation wide] Does your Health Board / Trust have any generic or other speciality specific [such as ophthalmology] resources that staff across your organisation can use to support them / guide them in providing care to survivors who have disclosed? [please circle]

Yes

30. Please provide as much detail as you are able to about the resources [then please go to q.32]

- **Named Midwife for safeguarding children.**
- **Named Nurse for safeguarding Children.**
- **Specialist Mental Health Midwife.**
- **Psychological wellbeing midwife**
- **SVPP.**
- **Nelson Trust.**
- **Fear Less, breaking the cycle of abuse.**

31.Are there any plans in place to create / obtain such resources? If yes, please state in as much detail as you are able to

N/A as Yes to Q 30.

32.Please state the name of the NHS organisation completing this survey

Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust.

The training that is provided re Q1-Q8, to all staff is in house Level 3 training. This is specific to only sexual abuse/sexual violence, but includes it.