

Freedom of Information Request: 0376 2019/20

We are looking at the use of autologous cell salvage in obstetric units and would be grateful if you could complete this questionnaire (the questions can be answered either directly within the email or by using the attached document):

The Trust does hold the information you have requested however we are withholding some of this information under Section 40 (Personal Information) of the Freedom of information Act (2000) as it is not in a retrievable format. We do not electronically store this information and were we to review individual patient records we would be in breach of the second data protection principle "Personal information must be processed for limited purpose". We are therefore withholding this information under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 40 (2) is an absolute exemption meaning there is no requirement to consider the public interest when disclosing this information.

1. Does your hospital have an obstetric unit?

- a. Yes
- b. No

2. What is the number of births per year in your obstetric unit?

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3. Do you use cell salvage in obstetrics?

- a. Yes
- b. No

4. In what situations is cell salvage used (tick any that apply)

- a. All caesarean sections
- b. category 1 caesarean section,
- c. category 2 caesarean section,
- d. category 3 caesarean section,
- e. category 4 caesarean section,
- f. caesarean section with high risk of haemorrhage,
- g. obstetric patients refusing blood transfusion,

5. What is the availability of cell salvage in your obstetric unit

- a. 24 hour,
- b. day-time only,

c. depending on staff and/or equipment),

6. How many times per year over the last 5 years have you used cell salvage for collection only in your obstetric unit?

Exempt under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act – see above for full details

Year	Number of times CS used
2014	
2015	
2016	
2017	
2018	

7. How many times per year over the last 5 years have you used cell salvage for collection and reinfusion in your obstetric unit?

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Year	Number of times CS used
2014	
2015	
2016	
2017	
2018	

8. Does your hospital obstetric unit have any concerns about using cell salvaged blood at caesarean section?

- a. Yes
- b. No

9. If yes to question 6, do your concerns relate to any of the following (tick all that apply) Not Applicable

- a. Infection risk
- b. Haemolytic disease in future pregnancy
- c. Cost
- d. Amniotic fluid embolism
- e. Need for broad spectrum antibiotics
- f. Availability of trained staff
- g. Availability of equipment
- h. Other (please state)

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