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Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 43800 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

Rosewood Mother and Baby Unit

Your request is set out below:

- 1. Please provide a copy of the most recent operational policy for the Rosewood Mother and Baby Unit. Please find a copy of the MBU Operational Policy attached.
- 2. Please provide a copy of the disclaimer form given to mothers upon admission. Additionally, what information is provided to patients or their family members at the time of admission?

 Please find a copy of the Patient Consent and Indemnity Form attached.
- 3. What is the status of the baby and the legal obligations of the unit when the mother is placed in isolation within the unit?
 - Babies are classified as 'guests' and not an MBU's patient. Staff have an obligation to support the mother to care for her baby. If the mother is isolating and unable to be supported to care for her baby, the family will be offered the choice to either take the baby home or for baby to remain on an MBU and cared for by staff.
- 4. What are the legal obligations of the unit when a mother is transferred from the unit to a general hospital for physical health issues?
 - Staff's obligation is to contact another person who has parental responsibility for the baby and for that person to take the baby home to care for their baby. If no one else has parental responsibility for the baby, staff will contact the local authority and the baby will be placed in the care of the local authority.
- 5. How many times were mothers placed in isolation on the ward in the last two years?
 The requested information is not held centrally and is contained within the individual clinical records and archive systems which cannot be extracted as a standalone piece of data. In order to extract the requested information and collate the results would require a manual exercise to identify and review

clinical records and would exceed the appropriate time limits, as per the Freedom of Information Act 2000 section 12(1) which does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

- 6. How many times were mothers transferred to a general hospital in the last two years?
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- 7. Based on the data provided in points 5 and 6, how many times were babies sent back home due to the mother being in isolation, admitted to a general hospital, or for any other reasons, in the last two years?
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- 8. Please provide a further breakdown of the data from point 7, categorised by ethnicity.

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- 9. Please provide details on how you support partners and families who are in full-time employment and caring for other disabled children, and might not be able to take the baby home when the mother is either isolating or in the general hospital for a few days, especially when other nearest family members live out of area (ie Manchester).

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- As above, but in addition to this, it is the local authority's responsibility to provide a carers assessment of need to anyone who has carers responsibilities. The families' local children's services can also be referred for a section 17 assessment (Children's Act) to look at supporting the family.
- An MBU Social worker could signpost anyone who needs this support in their local area. I.e. Manchester.

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

If you have any questions or concerns or are unhappy with the response provided or the service you have received you can write to the Head of Information Governance at the address on top of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of The Information Governance Department