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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

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.

[Please see attached document.](#)

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely

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

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	Yes
<i>We provide safeguarding level 3 children and Adult as per the safeguarding intercollegiate document to all midwives which covers all forms of neglect and abuse</i>	

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	Yes
<i>We provide safeguarding level 3 children and Adult as per the safeguarding intercollegiate document to all midwives which covers all forms of neglect and abuse</i>	

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	Yes
No nurses are employed in this role	
<i>We provide safeguarding level 3 children and Adult as per the safeguarding intercollegiate document to all midwives which covers all forms of neglect and abuse</i>	

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	Yes
<i>We provide safeguarding level 3 children and Adult as per the safeguarding intercollegiate document to all midwives which covers all forms of neglect and abuse</i>	

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	Yes
<i>We provide safeguarding level 3 children and Adult as per the safeguarding intercollegiate document to all midwives which covers all forms of neglect and abuse</i>	

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	Yes
<i>We provide safeguarding level 3 children and Adult as per the safeguarding intercollegiate document to all midwives which covers all forms of neglect and abuse</i>	

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	Yes
<i>We provide safeguarding level 3 children and Adult as per the safeguarding intercollegiate document to all midwives which covers all forms of neglect and abuse</i>	

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	Yes
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	Yes
<i>We provide safeguarding level 3 children and Adult as per the safeguarding intercollegiate document to all midwives which covers all forms of neglect and abuse</i>	

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

Yes

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]

Yes

No

Not applicable.

- 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

No [please go to q.13]

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

Safeguarding supervision social report for staff working clinically and outline any risk factors with a plan in place – ie for intimate examination etc

Perinatal mental health midwives, work with the service user to identify a plan for them and clinical staff can look at this so they follow the care plan.

Health independent domestic violence advisor (HIDVA)

Trust Policy to DA

- 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**

Not applicable.

- 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

No [please go to q.16]

There is no specific services however, we do have Care First and HIDVA if appropriate

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

We could refer them to the HIDVA and our trust support Care First and Occupational Health.

- 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**

No.

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

No [please go to q.19]

- 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]**

Our Safeguarding midwifery leads can be used as signposting in cases like this.

- 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**

All care is personalised and based on the individual, safeguarding supervision will focus on the individual plan.

Plan would then be places onto badgernet for appropriate staff to access.

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

No

- 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

No [please go to q.25]

The infant feeding midwife will discuss a plan with survivors of sexual violence and/or sexual abuse if requested

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

Midwives are prompted to ask a question around domestic abuse which includes sexual abuse at least 3 times throughout the pregnancy on the badgernet maternity system.

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

Yes

No [please go to q.25]

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

Not applicable.

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

No

Organisation details

25. [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 [HIDVA](#)

No [please go to q.28]

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

[HIDVA](#)

27. [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	No – Level 3 safeguarding training covers trauma informed care and discusses sexual abuse but not causation.
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	Yes

28. [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

No [please go to q.31]

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

[Safeguarding Adults and children’s information available on the trust extranet for all staff to access](#)

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

No.

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

[East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust](#)