

FOI REF: 23/446

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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:

- 1) **How many babies were born within your trust between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?**

2937.

- 2) **How many babies were diagnosed with ankyloglossia (tongue tie) between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31 2022 at your trust?**

634 Babies (Babies aged 0 when diagnosed with Tongue Tie – Q381 - Ankyloglossia).

- 3) **On average how many days after birth was a tongue tie diagnosis made between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?**

0.44 days – (Number of days between DOB and Admission Date) – Average.

- 4) **How many babies diagnosed with tongue tie were referred for a frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?**

634 babies diagnosed were referred for a frenotomy procedure.

- 5) **Is the frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) available to babies who are fully formula fed?**

Yes, the procedure is available to babies with significant frenulum which is impacting effective feeding and has resulted in weight loss or suboptimal feeding, e.g., very long feeding time, inability to maintain teat in mouth, excessive dribbling and choking when feeding.

6) How many frenotomy procedures (tongue tie division) were carried out on babies at your trust between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?

634.

7) What was the average waiting time in days between diagnosis/ referral and a frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?

0.70 Days (Days between Admission Date and Date procedure performed).

8) How many women had to wait 3 weeks or longer after a referral for a frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) or their baby between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?

0.

9) How many women waited more than 6 weeks, 8 weeks, 12 weeks and 16 weeks or longer for a frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) for their baby between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?

0.

10) What is the longest amount of time a women had to wait after a referral for a frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) for their baby between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?

10 days.

11) If there is no tongue tie division service in your trust how many referrals were made to an alternative NHS Service for tongue toe division?

Not applicable, as our Trust has its own tongue tie service.

12) How many women declined the offer of a frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) within the NHS between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022?

0.

13) Of the women who declined the offer of a frenotomy procedure (tongue tie division) within the NHS between Jan 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022 are you aware how many sought treatment privately instead?

Not applicable.

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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