

FOI REF: 24/469

12th August 2024

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. When congenital heart defects ARE NOT identified during screening at the 20 week fetal anomaly scan;

a) Does your trust currently retain the fetal cardiac views?

Yes.

b) Were fetal cardiac views retained in 2021 and 2022?

Yes.

c) If views are currently retained, are these still images or video clips?

Still images are the minimum requirement and sonographers may archive a clip if they deem it necessary (this is an autonomous decision)".

d) For how long has your trust had this fetal cardiac view retention policy?

The Trust does not have a 'fetal cardiac view' retention policy, however the images are held within the patient record.

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

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
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Yours sincerely

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