

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

I am undertaking a FOI request across all UK NHS Hospital Trust/ Health Boards, with the aim of creating a picture of the maternity service provision for survivors of sexual violence and/or sexual abuse.

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.

Some of the information may need to be collected from specific midwives or obstetricians within your organisation.

I also include a few questions about staff training and resources in relation to your whole organisation so that a broad comparison between maternity and other departments within your organisation can be made.

I am aware that the topic of sexual violence is a sensitive one, and that some of these questions may be challenging or upsetting for some people. If you would like to speak to someone about any of the issues in this survey, you can call The Survivors Trust in confidence on 08088 010818 or visit their website on [www.thesurvivorstrust.org](http://www.thesurvivorstrust.org)

Thank you

**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	No
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	No

**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	No
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	No

**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	No
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	No
No nurses are employed in this role	No

**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	No
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	No

**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	No
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	No

**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	No
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	No

**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	No
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	No

**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	No
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	No

**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

**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]**

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**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**

In the past all staff have received bespoke domestic abuse training at Level 3 (Intercollegiate Document); however due to capacity within the team this has not been implemented at present. Team capacity has now been addressed, recruitment is underway and the Level 3 Specialist bespoke training will be reviewed, offered to all relevant staff groups and will be mandatory within maternity services.

**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]

However we do provide individualised tailored support to any staff member, including maternity, when we are aware that they are a survivor of any abuse.

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

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**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**

The Trust are in the process of compiling and a collaborated procedure with support resources and a clear pathway for referral, with Staff Health & Wellbeing, Human Resources and Adult Safeguarding Teams to ensure that needs are responded to appropriately.

**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]

The Maternity Safeguarding Team have supported, with collaborated working with other departments within the organisations when it has been identified that they have been exposed to abuse.

**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]**

The Named Midwife Safeguarding has previously supported staff members when there have been concerns regarding the risk of abuse – this midwife accesses Level 3 Safeguarding Adults & Level 4 Safeguarding Children Training

**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**

Support is provided to staff via our named Midwife for Safeguarding, Specialist Midwife Safeguarding, Independent Domestic Abuse Advocate and Safeguarding Adult Teams.

**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]

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

Referral to specialist support services locally, referral to Staff Health & Wellbeing; linking with the local SARC teams; linking with psychological support; Trauma informed practitioners.

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

Yes

No [please go to q.25]

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

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

**Organisation details**

**26. [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

No [please go to q.28]

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

The Trust has a Named Safeguarding Professional for Domestic Abuse, a Domestic Abuse Practitioner, a Named Safeguarding Midwife & Safeguarding Adults Team with skills in this area. The Trust also have an Independent Domestic Violence Advocate. They are able to provide staff with support, education, referrals to services and links to a range of services for specialist services/guidance.

**28. [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
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	No

**29. [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]

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

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

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**32. Please state the name of the NHS organisation completing this survey**

County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust

I have been asked to share the following information which is felt to be relevant to the questionnaire – all systems across the Trust utilise flagging of records to indicate an individual who has been identified as being at risk within a MARAC forum. Maternity records flag all abuse and then further highlight MARAC

**Thank you very much for completing this FOI request**

**Jude Field**