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Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 13/12/2021. Please see responses to your requests below.

1. I would like to know if your Trust offers a Preterm Prevention Clinic for pregnant women?

If so, what inclusion criteria is it set against?

Please see attached guideline below:



Preterm Birth -
Guideline v1.pdf

2. What is the caseload capacity, and do you have any data on success rate supporting this intervention?

The Trust don't yet have sufficient data, to determine rates of success. Our preterm birth rate (all births below 37 weeks) at PHU is on average around 9% (April to November this year). It's important to note that not all these births are Portsmouth pregnancies. We support the preterm labour and births of women from other maternity units as we have a neonatal intensive care unit, so women come to give birth in our service who weren't booked by or cared for by Portsmouth staff through the antenatal period of pregnancy.

3. Is this in addition to the implementation of Continuity of Care model which was requested by government? If so, do you have information on the interventions being used together for reducing preterm birth?

The Trust currently have two continuity teams with a plan to roll out 20 more over the next two to three years. It is still early days for the first two teams to have sufficient data to get a realistic idea of whether the case loading model has led to fewer preterm births.

Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information, please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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