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Dear

**RE: 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 27/06/2023. Please see responses to your requests below.

**1. Whether the trust's maternity department offered remifentanyl as a pain relief option during labour in 2022-23.**

The Trust can confirm that maternity department do not use any remifentanyl as a pain relief option during labour at Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust.

**a. If the trust did offer remifentanyl as a pain relief option during labour in 2022-23, if at any point this was not available and, if so and if possible to calculate, approximately how many days this was not available as an option for**

Not applicable, please see answer in question 1.

**2. Whether the trust's maternity department offered Entonox as a pain relief option during labour in 2022-23.**

Yes, Entonox was used as a pain relief option during labour in 22/23.

**a. If the trust did offer Entonox as a pain relief option during labour in 2022-23, if at any point this was not available and, if so and if possible to calculate, approximately how many days this was not available as an option for**

There has been no point during 22/23 where Entonox was not available in maternity.

**3. Whether the trust's maternity department offered sterile water injections as a pain relief option during labour in 2022-23.**

The Trust can confirm that maternity department do not use any sterile water injection as a pain relief option during labour at Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust.

**a. If the trust did offer sterile water injections as a pain relief option during labour in 2022-23, if at any point this was not available and, if so and if possible to calculate, approximately how many days this was not available as an option for**

Not applicable, please see answer in question 3.

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.

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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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