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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 17/07/2023. Please see responses to your requests below.

- **How many early pregnancy units do you have within your health trust? Please can you provide the opening times of those early pregnancy units?**

The Trust has a dedicated Early Pregnancy Assessment Unit (EPAU) from 07.30am to 18.00 hours, Monday to Friday.

The Trust also have a Gynae emergency service/ Gynae assessment unit that is open 24 hours for any early pregnancy complications. The Trust also reviews early pregnancy patients in the Emergency Department.

- **Do you have any dedicated recurrent pregnancy-loss clinics or recurrent miscarriage clinics within your health trust? If so, please can you give the number of clinics you have?**

The Trust have a recurrent miscarriage service as part of our Consultant Rapid Access clinics as well as via EPAU. There are five clinics per week Monday to Friday.

- **Do you have any dedicated pregnancy-loss clinics or miscarriage clinics (i.e. for non-recurring losses) within your health trust? If so, please can you give the number of clinics you have?**

Yes – The Trust has a dedicated pregnancy loss clinics or recurrent miscarriage clinics. This service is provided by consultants Monday to Friday (five clinics per week). The Trust also provides ten EPAU clinics per week, delivered by a Clinical Nurse Specialist(CNS).

- **How many recurrent miscarriages would an individual need to experience before being entitled to an investigation into the causes?**

An individual would usually need to have three consecutive recurrent miscarriages before being entitled to an investigation, however we offer after two consecutive if there are other risk factors.

- **What mental health support do you offer for people affected by miscarriage?**

The Trust has a EPAU CNS led miscarriage support group.

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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