

Freedom of Information request 282-18

Request

I am a PhD student in economics at the University of Turin & Collegio Carlo Alberto, Italy. Currently, I am working on a research project, in the field of health economics, using the MCS data provided by the UK Data Archive. The aim of my research is to investigate the determinants of child health outcomes in the first year of life. In order to proceed with the analysis I need to know which services parents in 2000 could have access during pregnancy and after the child was born (parenting programmes, ante-natal classes, postnatal guide, breastfeeding group support, ecc.).

For this reason, I need to collect information about the different maternity services provided in UK's hospitals in the 2000. I would like to kindly ask you if it is available a report about the maternity care provided by Borders General Hospital in 2000.

In addition to the provision of maternity services, if it is possible, I would like to know which information the parents used to receive after the child was born, on average how long the mother staid in the hospital after childbirth and if mothers were made be aware about postnatal depression.

Response

The maternity care provided by Borders General Hospital in the year 2000 was Antenatal, including parenting programmes, Labour and Birth support and Postnatal Services.

NHS Borders do not hold a record of the information that was given to parent following birth for this period. Therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 we cannot provide this data.

Postnatal depression information would be included in Ready Steady Baby which was an NHS Scotland Publication. Therefore under Section 15 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this information is otherwise accessible by contacting NHS Scotland.

The average length of stay for women in 2000 is listed in the chart below from ISD:

BGH Obstetric Activity: calendar year 2000							
Month	Bed Complement	Occupied Bed Days	% Occupancy	Discharges	Admissions	Daycases	Avg Length of Stay
January	22	313	46%	118	111	18	2.7
February	22	334	53%	110	113	12	3.0
March	22	349	51%	112	115	21	3.1
April	22	348	53%	149	146	25	2.3
May	22	436	64%	152	158	13	2.9
June	22	338	52%	128	126	21	2.6
July	22	338	52%	128	126	21	2.6
August	22	325	48%	108	104	17	3.0
September	22	311	47%	127	127	18	2.4
October	22	369	54%	110	114	23	3.4
November	22	361	55%	138	140	2	2.6
December	22	322	47%	124	123	1	2.6
Total	22	4144	51%	1504	1503	174	2.8

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