FOI 3155

Date 17/07/2024

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

At Luton:

1. When congenital heart defects ARE NOT identified during screening at the 20 week fetal anomaly scan;
2. Does your trust currently retain the fetal cardiac views?

Yes

1. Were fetal cardiac views retained in 2021 and 2022?

Yes

1. If views are currently retained, are these still images or video clips?

Still images (PACS did not support video storage)

1. For how long has your trust had this fetal cardiac view retention policy?

Since approximately 2010

At Bedford:

1. Does your trust currently retain the fetal cardiac views?

Yes

1. Were fetal cardiac views retained in 2021 and 2022?

From August 2022

1. If views are currently retained, are these still images or video clips?

Still images (PACS did not support video storage)

1. For how long has your trust had this fetal cardiac view retention policy?

Images were stored in line with the Fetal Anomaly Screening Programme (FASP) since its inception.  National FASP policy does not require cardiac images to be stored.  In August 2022, following the merger of the two Trusts, and the gradual merging of policies, Bedford moved to follow the same local policy as Luton & Dunstable

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 Yours sincerely,

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