FOI 3045

Date 14/10/2024

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:

1. Gestational Diabetes Mellitus Screening Methodology: Please provide details on the current methods used by your Trust to screen for Gestational Diabetes Mellitus.

The current guidelines -Oral Glucose Tolerance Test is used to screen for Gestational Diabetes Mellitus

1. Timing of Screening: At which gestational week do the majority of pregnant women undergo GDM screening within your Trust?

Patient as screen 24-28 weeks gestation

1. Early Screening for High-Risk Pregnancies: Do you conduct GDM screening earlier for pregnant women deemed to be at very high risk? If so, please specify the criteria for determining high risk and the gestational week at which such screenings are conducted.

Pregnant women with a history of previous Gestational Diabetes are screen 14-16 weeks gestation and this is the earliest we will screen for Gestational Diabetes

1. Administration of OGTT: Who is responsible for administering the OGTT within your Trust? Additionally, where is the OGTT typically conducted (e.g., hospital clinic, community health center)?

We have Maternity Care Assistants (MCAs) who are trained to carried out the OGTT and this is currently done within the community setting, at a community centre

1. Maternity-Related Risks Recorded in the Trust Risk Log: Please disclose which maternity-related risks are logged in the Trust's risk register or risk log.
* Gestational diabetes pathway for screening and acting on results – Scoring 8
* Appropriate Consultant Cover for Diabetic Ante-Natal clinic – Scoring 9
1. Bank and agency Spending:
* **Please provide bank spend for midwifery staff for the year 2023, by job grade**.

Bank Total 3,522,207

Band 5 Reg Midwife Bank 375,330

Band 6 Reg Midwife Bank 2,357,875

Band 7 Reg Midwife Bank 785,792

Band 8 Reg Midwife Bank 3,210

* **Please provide agency spend for midwifery staff for the year 2023, by job grade.**

The agency spend against Maternity cost centres for 23/24 was £169,693.47. We don’t code the agency spend by grade so I haven’t got information available without going through individual invoices

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 Yours sincerely,

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