

## Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Dear Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust,

The national charity Twins Trust is undertaking a national benchmarking exercise and therefore are keen to understand the following.

- 1) Please confirm if current antenatal care for multiple pregnancies (in 2020 and going forward) is delivered in, each unit, by a "a core team of named specialist obstetricians, specialist midwives and sonographers, all of whom have experience and knowledge of managing twin and triplet pregnancies" in accordance with NICE guideline NG137.

**A GAP analysis was undertaken in January 2020 and it benched marked our service against quality standard 46, NICE guidance 137 Multiple births, saving babies lives care bundle V2, maternity incentive scheme, twins trust proposal and better births.**

**We now have a named consultant for multiple births and we are currently looking into funding for a midwife champion in multiple births and pre-term births. If we are unable to secure extra funding for this post then we will plan for this role to be undertaken by a antenatal clinic midwife. This will allow a specific clinic to be set up for multiple births and risk of pre-term births who work as part of an MDT and work closely with the fetal medicine consultant. Our multiple births guideline has been updated and is now out for comment and will be reviewed at our guideline group this month. We are exploring options with our communication team to set up virtual parent education sessions for parents having twins and multiple births.**

- 2) Where possible, could I please request the names, telephone numbers(direct dial), and email address' for the following positions in each unit;

Head of Midwifery: **Lois Mellor, 642213, [lois.mellor@nhs.net](mailto:lois.mellor@nhs.net)**

Specialist multiple pregnancy obstetricians: **Denise Morgan, [denise.morgan2@nhs.net](mailto:denise.morgan2@nhs.net)**

Specialist multiple pregnancy midwives: **Nicola Holland, 642792, [Nicola.holland2@nhs.net](mailto:Nicola.holland2@nhs.net)**

Specialist multiple pregnancy sonographers: **Charlotte Standing, 642206, [charlotte.standing@nhs.net](mailto:charlotte.standing@nhs.net)**

- 3) Please may I also request the following data for each unit for the year 2017, 2018 and 2019:

- a) Number of Multiple Birth Pregnancies (e.g. twins, triplets, quads +)

<b>2017</b>	69 sets of twins (138 babies). 0 triplets. 57 babies delivered by emergency caesarean.
<b>2018</b>	42 sets of twins (84 babies) 40 babies delivered by emergency caesarean section
<b>2019</b>	55 sets of twins (110 babies) 45 babies delivered by emergency caesarean section.

- b) Number of Foetuses delivered from a Multiple Birth

**N/A**

- c) Multiple Birth Still Births (number of babies)

**No multiple births still births**

- d) Multiple Birth pregnancies resulting in an Emergency C-Sections

**N/A**

- e) Multiple Birth Neonatal Deaths (number of babies)

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**No multiple births neonatal deaths**

- f) Multiple Birth Neonatal Admissions (number of babies admitted to a neonatal unit for their care)

**2017 – 57**

**2018 – 44**

**2019 – 45**