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

Please can you provide me with the following information:

- How many maternal request caesareans were carried out in your Trust between April 2019 and April 2020 with no other significant medical, obstetric or psychological indication?

**We had 542 Category 4 caesarean sections between April 2019 and April 2020 with no other significant medical, obstetric or psychological indication.**

- What were the total number of caesarean sections carried out in your Trust between April 2019 and April 2020?

**There were 1465 LSCS in total for April 2019 to end March 2020.**

- Please confirm how your Trust complies with the revised NICE guideline [NG192] in relation to Maternal Request for Caesarean Birth points 1.2.25 – 1.2.31 – published March 31 2021  
<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng/chapter/Recommendations>

**Caesarean Section guideline under review.**

- Please can you provide information relating to the following questions:

1. Do you have an explicitly stated policy not to offer Maternal Request Caesarean Sections (MRCS) in your Trust? **No**

2. Do you have a written guideline for Maternal Request Caesarean Sections (MRCS) in your Trust? If yes, please provide a copy of the written guideline **No**

3. Do you require a compulsory mental health appointment in order for a Caesarean Section to be offered? **No**

4. Do you have a policy which states the number of weeks into pregnancy the decision for a Caesarean Section would be made? If yes please state number of weeks

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5. Are there any other conditions which must be met in order to be offered a Maternal Request Caesarean Section in your Trust? If yes, please provide a copy of the conditions. **No**

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Many thanks in advance for providing this information.