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

Freedom of Information Request: Pregnancy and Miscarriage

• How many early pregnancy units do you have within your health trust? Please can you provide the opening times of those early pregnancy units?

There are 2 early pregnancy units (EPAU) in DBTH – 1 located at Doncaster Royal Infirmary (DRI) and 1 at Bassetlaw District General Hospital (BDGH)

• Do you have any *dedicated* recurrent pregnancy-loss clinics or recurrent miscarriage clinics within your health trust? If so, please can you give the number of clinics you have?

There are no dedicated recurrent pregnancy loss clinics. Patients are seen within general gynaecology clinics or the fertility clinic; this clinic runs twice per month at DRI and once per month at BDGH.

• Do you have any *dedicated* pregnancy-loss clinics or miscarriage clinics (i.e. for non recurring losses) within your health trust? If so, please can you give the number of clinics you have?

There are no dedicated pregnancy loss clinics or miscarriage clinics. As above, patients are seen in general gynaecology clinics or, if appropriate, in the fertility clinics.

• How many recurrent miscarriages would an individual need to experience before being entitled to an investigation into the causes?

The national recommendations are 3 recurrent miscarriages, and this is followed at DBTH

• What mental health support do you offer for people affected by miscarriage?

DBTH have a dedicated early pregnancy loss nurse who works 15 hours per week. Part of this role is to contact patients to identify support required and signpost to the national and local charities for pregnancy loss.

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