

Freedom of Information Act Request

My FOI request is for all the Hospitals in your trust with a Maternity Department/Service:

What growth chart do you use in your maternity department for fetal biometry including plotting estimated fetal weight to produce a centile? If this has changed since 2017, please include previous growth charts since 01/01/2017 in the answer and the dates used.

Maternity services at DBTH utilised GROW 1.5, implementing GROW 2.0 in 2024

Gardosi J, Francis A. A customized standard to assess fetal growth in a US population. Am J Obstet Gynecol. 2009 Jul;201(1):25.e1-25.e7. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ajog.2009.04.035>

Premru-Srsen T, Verdenik I, Mihevc Ponikvar B, Hugh O, Francis A, Gardosi J. Customised birthweight standard for a Slovenian population. Journal of Perinatal Medicine. 2019 Jan;47(3):270–5. <https://doi.org/10.1515/jpm-2018-0219>

Gardosi J, Clausson B, Francis A. The value of customised centiles in assessing perinatal mortality risk associated with parity and maternal size. Br J Obstet Gynaecol. 2009 Sep;116(10):1356–63. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1471-0528.2009.02245.x>

Gardosi J. Ethnic differences in fetal growth. Ultrasound Obstet Gynecol. 1995 Aug;6(2):73-4

Gardosi J, Kady S, Francis A. Intrauterine growth in twin pregnancies. 2005;27(5): 163-166. ISSN 1971-1433 <http://eprints.bice.rm.cnr.it/4881/1/article%2870%29.pdf>

If any Hospitals in the Trust plan to change their fetal growth charts in the future, please let me know which charts these are and why the hospital plans to make this change.

No plans to change

2. For any charts mentioned in response to question 1, please provide specific journal references, rather than the generic name of the chart i.e.- 'Hadlock et al. In utero analysis of fetal growth: a sonographic weight standard. Radiology 1991;181(1):129-33'. If any adaptations to the chart are used, please also provide the journal references to these i.e. 'Gardosi et al. Customised antenatal growth charts. Lancet 1992;339(8788):283-7'

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Requests for an internal review should be submitted within 40 working days from the date of this response, and should be addressed to d.wraith@nhs.net.

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