

Freedom of Information Questionnaire – Epilepsy in Pregnancy Services

Hospital Name: Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospital

Trust:

Maternity Medicine Network:

Secondary/Tertiary Care:

Pre-pregnancy planning in women with epilepsy		
1a	Do women with epilepsy have access to a pre-pregnancy counselling clinic in your centre?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
1b	If pre-pregnancy counselling is available in your centre, who delivers this/these services? (Please tick all that apply)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A neurologist/ epilepsy specialist doctor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A neurology specialist nurse/ epilepsy specialty nurse <input type="checkbox"/> An obstetrician with an interest in neurology/ a maternal-fetal medicine obstetrician <input type="checkbox"/> An obstetrician physician <input type="checkbox"/> An epilepsy specialist midwife
1c	If you have selected more than one practitioner in question 1b do they work separately or as part of a joint clinic?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> They work separately <input type="checkbox"/> They work together in a joint clinic
1d	How are patients transferred into the pre-pregnancy clinic? (Please tick all that apply)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> From their General Practitioner (GP) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> From their secondary care epilepsy service <input type="checkbox"/> Other – please state:

Antenatal management

2	Do your patients have access to written information on the management of epilepsy in pregnancy?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3a	Do women with epilepsy in your centre have access to regular planned antenatal care with a designated epilepsy care team?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3b	If yes, which of the following healthcare professionals deliver the service? (Please tick all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> A neurologist/ epilepsy specialist doctor <input type="checkbox"/> A neurology specialist nurse/ epilepsy specialist nurse <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An obstetrician with an interest in neurology/ a maternal-fetal medicine obstetrician <input type="checkbox"/> An obstetric physician <input type="checkbox"/> An epilepsy specialist midwife
3c	If you have selected more than one practitioner in questions 3b do they work separately or as part of a joint clinic?	<input type="checkbox"/> They work separately <input type="checkbox"/> They work together in a joint clinic
3d	How do women with epilepsy enter the service? (Please tick all that apply)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Identified at their booking appointment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> From their General Practitioner (GP) <input type="checkbox"/> From their secondary care epilepsy service <input type="checkbox"/> Other – please state:
3e	If yes, how often are they reviewed in your epilepsy pregnancy clinic?	<input type="checkbox"/> Fortnight <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Bimonthly <input type="checkbox"/> Once per trimester <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other – please state: Booking then as required
4	Are women with epilepsy risk stratified in your antenatal service?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

4b	If yes, how is the risk assessment done?	<input type="checkbox"/> Using a risk stratification tool : please state which <input type="checkbox"/> Other – please state:
4c	If so do those women considered 'higher risk' have a different care pathway to those considered 'lower risk'	X Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please detail how these pathways differ:

Medication management		
5	How does your service manage folic acid use in women with epilepsy?	X Recommend 5mg folic acid for three months prior to pregnancy and <u>(at least at the end of the first trimester)</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend 5mg folic acid for three months prior to pregnancy and for the first trimester of pregnancy, then drop to 400mcg for the remainder of the pregnancy <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend 400mcg for three months prior to pregnancy and for the first trimester of pregnancy <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend 400mcg for three months prior to pregnancy and throughout pregnancy <input type="checkbox"/> Other – please state
6	How does your service manage titration of antiseizure medications in pregnancy? (Please tick all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Using drug levels <input type="checkbox"/> Using clinical symptoms <input type="checkbox"/> Using both drugs levels and clinical symptoms X Other – please state: Not recommended routinely, however non enzyme inducing AEDs are checked in bloods.
7	Does your centre routinely measure drug levels in women with epilepsy?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes X No
8a	Do you use long-acting benzodiazepines, such as clobazam, in the peripartum period for women with 'high risk' of seizures during this period?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes X No
8b	If yes, what is your routine drug/dose/regimen	

8c	If yes, what are the criteria for women being considered 'high risk'?	
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Postpartum follow up for women with epilepsy		
9	How are women with epilepsy in your service followed up postpartum?	<input type="checkbox"/> In a postpartum pregnancy clinic <input type="checkbox"/> In their usual epilepsy clinic X By their GP <input type="checkbox"/> There is no routine follow-up

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.