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Subject: Policies and guidelines for pregnant otho staff

Q1 Does your occupational health department have any departmental guidelines relating to pregnant staff who work in theatre in order to protect the health of the mother and baby from radiation and other harmful substances?

A1 The Trust has a maternity policy which includes risk assessment of pregnant women, wherever they work and includes referral to Occupational Health if required.

Q2 If yes to (1), please provide these guidelines or policies in full as a single PDF.

A2 The Freedom of Information Act gives rights of public access to information held by public authorities, this right covers all recorded information held by a public authority, the Act doesn't however confer any explicit right to copies of original documents.

Section 8 of the Act states that one requirement for a request for information to be valid is that it describes the information being requested, therefore please advise what particular information you are requesting in respect of the documents requested.

Q3 Does your theatre department have any department-specific guidelines for pregnant staff who work in theatre in order to protect the health of the mother and baby from radiation and other harmful substances?

A3 The Trust does not have a specific policy for theatres. The Trust wide policy would be followed which includes completing a risk assessment. Exposure to radiation is part of the risk assessment.

Q4 If yes to (3), please provide these guidelines or policies in full as a single PDF.

A4 Not applicable, as per A3.