

Dear Freedom of Information Officer,

Re: Freedom of Information request (FOI)

This FOI request detailed on Page 2 is being made as part of a research project investigating the provision of dedicated **Pre-Pregnancy Counselling (PPC) clinics for women with medical illnesses** in the separate hospitals in NHS Trusts providing consultant-led maternity services in order to understand the extent of implementation of such PPC clinics across England and to understand the barriers and enablers to their implementation. It consists of eight questions.

The Clinical Director and General Manager for your maternity service(s) may be best placed to provide the answers and will need to liaise with their Maternal Medicine Specialist Obstetricians.

The research forms part of my MBA qualification at Henley Business School, part of the University of Reading.

Your Trust has been approached because it provides consultant-led maternity services. I would be very grateful if you would complete this survey within the Freedom of Information timeframe.

The project has been subject to ethical review in accordance with the procedures specified by the University of Reading Research Ethics Committee and has been given a favourable ethical opinion for conduct.

Many thanks for taking your time to provide this information.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST ON HOSPITAL PRE-PREGNANCY COUNSELLING CLINICS FOR WOMEN WITH MEDICAL PROBLEMS

Question	Response
1	Please provide the names of each hospital in your Trust providing consultant-led maternity services and state if they provide tertiary or secondary maternity care
2	Please provide the names of any of the hospitals in question 1 who also currently provide a Pre-Pregnancy Counselling (PPC) clinic for women with medical illnesses. If you do not provide PPC clinic please go on to question 4
3	For each hospital in question 2, please state whether the PPC clinics are for all medical diseases or only specific ones (<i>if specific please list</i>)

4	Do the maternity managers in your Trust consider there is a need for PPC clinics for women with medical illnesses to be provided by their consultant-led units?	Yes
5	What are the main barriers to implementation of PPC clinics in your organisation?	Funding and staffing pathways
6	What are the main enablers to implementation of PPC clinics in your organisation?	Funding and staffing pathways
7	If you provide PPC clinics:	
	a. how are they funded? (e.g. gynaecology encounter, medical speciality encounter, +/- recharge to maternity etc)	
	b. Are they run by a single clinician? If yes, what is the clinician's speciality?	
	c. Are the PPC clinics run jointly by multiple clinicians? If yes, what are the specialities of the clinicians?	
8	If you do not currently provide PPC clinics for women with medical diseases, are you planning to provide them in the future?	Not currently
	Please provide any other relevant information about your pre-pregnancy counselling services not covered above	