

Freedom of Information Request to NHS Trusts with Maternity Units

Terms of Reference:

- **Trust** – refers to **ALL** individual sites (hospitals) within a Trust. Where multiple sites exist, information should be provided for each site.
 - **Maternity Unit** – refers to all hospital areas where maternity-specific services are provided. Examples include Day Assessment Units and Labour wards.
 - **Obstetric Sepsis** – all pregnancy-related sepsis that occurs during or after pregnancy, abortion, miscarriage, or delivery, and up to 6 weeks postpartum.
 - **EHR** – any electronic health or patient system (including EPRs) that is routinely used to capture bedside and other clinical data for patients such as vital signs, as well as laboratory and radiographic results.
 - **DSA** – any sepsis alert that is linked to patients' electronic health record and serves as a component of an obstetric early warning system / protocol.
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1. Does your Trust use an electronic health record system [EHR] (e.g., Cerner, System C, Dedalus)?

YES

If **YES**, do sites within your Trust use different EHRs? [**YES / NO**] or

NA (single site Trusts).

2. Please name the EHR systems used at each Trust site.

NA as single site

3. Does your Trust's site(s) also use EHRs for obstetric patients?

NO

If **YES**, please name **ALL** EHR systems used for obstetric patients at each site, and when they were introduced?

4. Does your Trust's site(s) use an algorithm (e.g., MEWS, NEWS2, qSOFA) for the early detection of obstetric sepsis?

YES

If **YES**, please provide details of the obstetric sepsis algorithm used in your Trust's site(s). Please attach details if possible.

MEOWS parameters built into Cerner

5. Does your Trust's site(s) use a digital sepsis alert for obstetric sepsis?

YES

If YES, please specify ALL sites where the obstetric digital sepsis alert is active.

NA Single Site

6. For sites with active obstetric digital sepsis alerts: please indicate the obstetric sepsis algorithm used in the digital sepsis alert.

Based on triggers of the MEOWS score generating a pop up for the clinician to assess the need to commence the sepsis pathway.

7. How does the obstetric digital sepsis alert notify practitioners (e.g., a pager, a flashing warning on patients' EHR)?

Pop up in the system based on the calculation of the MEOWS score - identified triggers