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Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

- 1. How many early pregnancy units do you have within your health trust? Please can you provide the opening times of those early pregnancy units?**

The Trust has an early pregnancy unit at Leigh infirmary which is open from 0800- 16:00 Monday to Friday. Outside these hours including weekends and bank holiday the Trust also have an emergency clinic on Swinley ward at REAI. Both services accept self-referrals.

- 2. Do you have any *dedicated* recurrent pregnancy-loss clinics or recurrent miscarriage clinics within your health trust? If so, please can you give the number of clinics you have?**

Currently the Trust has a consultant led recurrent miscarriage clinic which operates twice monthly . The Trust is also in the process of developing a nurse led service where patients who have had two miscarriages can be seen in a dedicated clinic by a specialist nurse and investigations will be initiated and actioned.

- 3. Do you have any *dedicated* pregnancy-loss clinics or miscarriage clinics (i.e. for non-recurring losses) within your health trust? If so, please can you give the number of clinics you have?**

Although the Trust does not have a dedicated pregnancy loss clinic for non- recurring losses the Trust does allocate a nurse at clinic times who is able to offer advice, support and/ or treatment if a patient requests following their ultrasound scan.

4. How many recurrent miscarriages would an individual need to experience before being entitled to an investigation into the causes?

The Trust now offers investigations for patients who have had 2 recurrent pregnancy losses.

5. What mental health support do you offer for people affected by miscarriage?

All patients suffering a miscarriage are given information regarding our dedicated counselling service which is self-referral service. All patients are also given information to various charities who also support our services which are, PETALs, cradle and For Loui. Cradle works in partnership with WWL and offers counselling, support groups/peer support to all ladies having had an early pregnancy loss and For Loui and Simba donate memory boxes for all our miscarriage patients.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



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