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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – MATERNITY STAFFING

I write in response to your request for information in relation to maternity staffing

Question:

- Do you provide a nurse lead early pregnancy unit EPU within your gynaecology directorate?

Answer:

Yes.

Question:

- if so, what agenda for change banding are the nurses who are carrying out these duties?

Answer:

Band 5/ Band 6.

Question:

- What formal training or qualifications have these nurses undertaken to support their role in delivering care within the EPU?

Answer:

Methotrexate training, Early pregnancy training (In house), National and Scottish Early pregnancy conferences, Consent Training, PGD for nurse prescription for medical management of miscarriage treatment.

Question:

- Are nurses within your EPU responsible for performing ultrasound scans?

Answer:

No.

Question:

- If so, what training or accreditation do they hold to support this practice?

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Answer:

Not applicable.

Question:

- Do the nurses working in the EPU also have dual roles that include responsibilities within the gynaecology outpatient department?

Answer:

No.

Question:

- Do your gynaecology nurses within the gynaecology directorate consent patients for the medical management of miscarriage? If so, what age agenda for change banding are these nurses?

Answer:

No - Only Band 6 EPU nurses consent patients for medical management of miscarriage.

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at [www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal). If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

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Yours sincerely

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