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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4501**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 21st October 2020.

Your request was as follows:

1. Can you tell me what guidance or material midwives or specialist midwives are given for consideration regarding caesarean sections.

This could include - research, the cost of a caesarean and related medical procedures for the hospital/Trust or NHS. If research, please include a brief description - for example, whether the research relates to a possible link between a c-section and autism in children.

[The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust is a Specialist Neuroscience Tertiary Care Centre; we do not provide maternity services, therefore we cannot provide this information.](#)

2. Please breakdown whether staff are advised whether to share this information with a patient or not (it may be left up to them of course).

If it does not take me over the limit, I would also like to know.

[N/A](#)

3. Please confirm whether medical staff (including doctors, nurses and midwives) have targets or measured in any other way in terms of the number of caesareans carried out at the hospitals.

[N/A](#)

4. If there are targets or performance measurement, what are these please and what have the figures been for the last three years?

[N/A](#)

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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**Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 4501 in any future communications.**

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Yours sincerely

*Mike Burns*

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