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Dear Ms Williamson

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding issues of ankylossia within NHS South Sefton CCG.

Request/Response:

1. How many babies (i.e) below the age of 1) were diagnosed with issues of ankylossia (tongue-tie) in each financial year since 2013/14.

SS CCG	No. of Diagnosis	
2013/14	14	
2014/15	3	
2015/16	5	
2016/17	7	
2017/18	1	

2. Of the babies diagnosed with issues of ankylossia (tongue-tie) in 2017 how many had a surgical procedure carried out by NHS surgeons to resolve these specific issues.

SS CCG	No. of Inpatient Procedures	No. of Outpatient Procedures
2017/18	0	1

How long did they wait (on average, in calendar days) for the procedure following diagnosis?

NHS South Sefton CCG does not hold this information. Please redirect your query to Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust. <u>info.gov@alderhey.nhs.uk</u>





3. In 2017, what was the mean age of babies with such issues when the ankylossia (tonguetie) procedure was performed?

As all patients in the request are for babies less than 1yr old the mean age is 0 years.

Should you require any further information, clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

We also wish to take this opportunity to inform you that a formal complaints and internal review process is available, which will be managed by a FOI Appeals Officer.

This can be formally requested and must be done within a reasonable period of time (3 calendar months) from the date this response was issued.

Where you are not satisfied with the response to a request for information that falls within the Environmental Information Regulations you should make a representation for a review to FOI Appeals Officer, southseftonccg.foi@nhs.net within 40 days of receipt of the response.

If you are not satisfied with our review under the Freedom of Information Act or the Environmental Information Regulations you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for a review of your appeal decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure. The ICO can be contacted at;

ICO, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF www.ico.gov.uk

Should you need any further clarification or assistance please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely,

Thoma Taylor.

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