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Question/s to be answered

FOI request - maternity care for survivors of sexual abuse and/or sexual violence

I am undertaking a FOI request across all UK NHS Hospital Trust/ Health Boards, with the aim of creating a picture of the maternity service provision for survivors of sexual violence and/or sexual abuse.

I would be very grateful if you could complete this survey on behalf of your NHS organisation. Please include information about community services, in addition to acute services.

Some of the information may need to be collected from specific midwives or obstetricians within your organisation.

I also include a few questions about staff training and resources in relation to your whole organisation so that a broad comparison between maternity and other departments within your organisation can be made.

I am aware that the topic of sexual violence is a sensitive one, and that some of these questions may be challenging or upsetting for some people. If you would like to speak to someone about any of the issues in this survey, you can call The Survivors Trust in confidence on 08088 010818 or visit their website on www.thesurvivorstrust.org

Maternity staff training and support

1. Please indicate if your Trust /Health Board provides the following training to all midwives

	Yes / No
Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse	No
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	No

2. Please indicate if your Trust /Health Board provides the following training to all nurses who provide care during early pregnancy [including termination of pregnancy]

	Yes / No
Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse	No
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	No

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3. Please indicate if your Trust /Health Board provides the following training to all nurses (if any) who are employed within maternity to provide care during pregnancy [during antenatal and postnatal periods]

	Yes / No/ NA
Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse	No
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	No
No nurses are employed in this role	N/A

4. Please indicate if your Trust /Health Board provides the following training to all anaesthetists who work within maternity

	Yes / No
Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse	No
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	No

5. Please indicate if your Trust /Health Board provides the following training to all obstetricians and gynaecologists

	Yes / No
Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse	No
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	No

6. Please indicate if your Trust /Health Board provides the following training to all Lactation Consultants / Infant Feeding Specialists

	Yes / No
Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse	No
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	No

7. Please indicate if your Trust / Health Board provides the following training to all support staff working within maternity [HCAs / MSWs]

	Yes / No
Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse	No
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	No

8. Please indicate if your Trust / Health Board provides the following training to all sonographers

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	Yes / No
Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse	No
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	No

9. Does your Trust /Health Board have a SARC referral centre on site? [please circle]

Yes

No [please go to q. 11]

10. Do you provide specific training in relation to SARC referrals to the relevant members of the maternity team? [please circle]

Yes

No

11. Does your Health Board / Trust have any specific maternity related resources that staff can use to support them / guide them in providing care to survivors who have disclosed? [please circle]

Yes

No [please go to q.13]

12. Please provide as much detail as you are able to about the resources [then go to q.14]

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13. Are there any plans in place to create / obtain such maternity related resources? If yes, please state in as much detail as you are able to

In accordance with FOISA s 17(1), NHS Shetland confirms that it does not hold the information requested.

14. Do you provide any specific support to maternity staff members who themselves are survivors of sexual violence and/or sexual abuse? [please circle]

Yes

No [please go to q.16]

15. Please describe the support in as much detail as you are able [then go to q.17]

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However, if a staff member discloses we will offer support depending on their needs

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16. Are there any plans in place to create / obtain such maternity related resources? If yes, please state in as much detail as you are able to

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Specialist maternity roles

17. Does your Trust/Health Board have any members of staff within your maternity department who provide specialist services / guidance to colleagues in relation to care for survivors of sexual violence and/or sexual abuse? [please circle]

Yes

No [please go to q.19]

18. Please state which members of the maternity team provide these services and what further training they receive in order to undertake this role. Please state if no further training is undertaken [please then go to q. 20]

Chief Midwife along with an ANP are Advanced Practitioners in Forensic Medicine and therefore provide advice, guidance and support for staff caring for women (and men) who are survivors of sexual violence/assault

19. Please describe how members of the maternity team are supported to ensure that survivors of sexual violence and /or sexual abuse receive the maternity care that they require

Webinar and training provided by Kathryn Gutteridge (Consultant Midwife) in trauma informed care for survivors of sexual assault/abuse

Clinical care provision within maternity

20. Are women who disclose domestic violence or abuse routinely asked if they have experienced sexual violence or sexual abuse? [please circle]

Yes

No

21. Does your Health Board / Trust provide any maternity specific specialist clinical or support services for survivors? [Examples could include information leaflets, specialist clinics, care pathways, peer support groups, infant feeding support, flagging system on clinical notes] [please circle]

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Yes

No [please go to q.25]

22. Please provide as much detail as you are able to about these services

Women who require further support are referred to NHS Grampian to access specialist clinics, particularly if there is tocophobia.

23. Do you collect demographic information about who accesses these services? [please circle]

Yes

No [please go to q.25]

24. Please provide as much demographic information as you are able [then go to q.26]

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25. Are there any plans in place to develop any specialist services? If so, please provide as much detail as you are able

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Organisation details

26. [Organisation wide] Does your Trust/Health Board have any members of staff across your organisation who provide specialist services / guidance to colleagues in relation to care for survivors of sexual violence and/or sexual abuse?

Yes

No [please go to q.28]

27. Please state who provides these services and what training they receive. Please state if they do not receive any further training

Chief Midwife is an Advanced Practitioner in Forensic Medicine. Chief Midwife also worked with Kathryn Gutteridge (Consultant Midwife) in her clinic offering counselling and support to women during pregnancy and labour. This included discussing care during pregnancy and labour including woman centred care and choices for birth.

28. [Organisation wide] Please indicate if your Trust /Health Board provides the following training to all clinical staff

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	Yes / No
Mandatory training about the causes and consequences of sexual violence and sexual abuse	No
Mandatory training about providing trauma informed care	No

29.[Organisation wide] Does your Health Board / Trust have any generic or other speciality specific [such as ophthalmology] resources that staff across your organisation can use to support them / guide them in providing care to survivors who have disclosed? [please circle]

Yes

No [please go to q.31]

30.Please provide as much detail as you are able to about the resources [then please go to q.32]

All areas have been provided with national leaflets 'turn to SARCS' to help with signposting to the service. There has been coms sent globally to inform all those within the Board and locally about the service and we know this is working as we have had referrals from women who have disclosed at the GPs and Social Workers. Depending on when the incident happened depends on the pathway. We work closely with Compass (Formerly Rape Crisis) to offer support with counselling as well as the Community Mental Team if appropriate

31.Are there any plans in place to create / obtain such resources? If yes, please state in as much detail as you are able to

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32.Please state the name of the NHS organisation completing this survey

NHS Shetland