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Email only

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## Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 7 September 2020 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am now able to provide you with a response.

Your request was in relation to antenatal care for twin pregnancies and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

- 1. Please confirm if current antenatal care for multiple pregnancies (in 2020 and going forward) is delivered in, each unit, by "a core team of named specialist obstetricians, specialist midwives and sonographers, all of whom have experience and knowledge of managing twin and triplet pregnancies" in accordance with NICE guideline NG137?**

Yes the Trust can confirm that antenatal care for twin pregnancies within the Trust is delivered at the University Hospital of North Durham by a core named team with experience and knowledge of managing twin pregnancies as per NICE guideline NG137.

- 2. Where possible, could I please request the names, telephone numbers (direct dial), and email address' for the following positions in each of the units;**
  - a. Specialist multiple pregnancy obstetricians?**

Dr J Milne, who can be contacted via her Personal Assistant, Ms Linda Duffy, Tel: 0191 333 2240, [Linda.duffy1@nhs.net](mailto:Linda.duffy1@nhs.net)

- b. Specialist multiple pregnancy midwives?**

Sister H Parks, 0191 3332142, [heatherparks@nhs.net](mailto:heatherparks@nhs.net)

Sister M Joyce, 0191 3332142, [mandy.joyce@nhs.net](mailto:mandy.joyce@nhs.net)  
Sister M Green, 0191 3332142, [melanie.green11@nhs.net](mailto:melanie.green11@nhs.net)

**c. Specialist multiple pregnancy sonographers?**

Sister H Parks, 0191 3332142, [heatherparks@nhs.net](mailto:heatherparks@nhs.net)  
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**3. Please confirm:**

- a. If the specialist team members have undertaken CPD sessions on multiple pregnancy like these <https://twintrust.org/healthcare-profes> in the past three years? Or if not, would they like to be notified of online sessions coming up?**

Yes, team members have undertaken cephalopelvic disproportion (CPD) sessions.  
Yes, team members would be interested in hearing about online sessions coming up.

- b. If the team routinely recommends Twins Trust's (formerly TAMBA) antenatal classes, preparing for parenthood and breastfeeding webinars, pregnancy and parenting guides and support services like these <https://twintrust.org/let-us-help/pregn> to your expectant multiple birth families?**

Yes, the Team always informs all expectant twin mums about TAMBA/ Twins Trust.

**If the team are interested in being supported by our Maternity Engagement Quality Improvement Project (T-MEP) to improve care and reduce poor outcomes like stillbirths, neonatal deaths, neonatal admissions and emergency caesarean sections like this <https://twintrust.org/who-we-are/what-w>**

Yes, the Team would be interested to learn what support is available.

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log on the Trust's website. However please be assured that we anonymise all responses prior to adding them to the disclosure log.

I hope that this response has provided you with the information you had requested. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or in writing. If however, you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled and would like an internal review, you will need to contact me in writing at the above address or via [cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs](mailto:cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs).

If you remain dissatisfied with our response following an internal review you have the right to appeal to The Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane,

Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. More information is available on their website;  
[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

**Joanna Tyrrell**  
**Freedom of Information Officer**