Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_357_26

You asked:

I'm a maternity researcher, reviewing antenatal information relating to planning place of birth. I'm looking at information on maternity service public websites, but also want to include any other information that may be given to women about choosing where to give birth / information on different birthplace options (obstetric unit vs. midwifery unit vs. home). For example, this may be paper leaflets / information sheets, weblinks, or information on closed online groups.

Please could you send me a copy of any information given to women that isn't on the website? It would be really helpful if you could also confirm if there is no hard copy / online information given to women other than what is on the website, so I know not to follow up.

Our response:

We can confirm that all information pertaining to planning place of birth is available on the Health Boards website.

In terms of mode of birth, all information is available on the website other than a recent leaflet discussing planned caesarean birth, which will be uploaded in the next month (Section 22(a) of the Act applied - information intended for future publication). The Health Boards maternity services are in the process of developing information giving sessions to discuss induction, vaginal birth after caesarean section (VBAC) and maternal choice caesarean section.