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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_300_26

You asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information relating to maternity services within your trust, for an academic research project. If some information is unavailable or cannot be provided within the cost limit, I would be grateful for any partial response you are able to provide.

1. Does your maternity service routinely collect and record data relating to social risk, however this may be termed locally (e.g. vulnerability, complex social factors, social needs)?

In late 2025, CTMUHB completed an internal Review of Maternity Services for Women, Pregnant People and Families with Social Complexities. Following this, a set of outcome measures have been devised and will be collected routinely from 26th May 2026- to coincide with the launch of the BLOOM team. The BLOOM team is a community midwifery social complexities team being piloted in Bridgend which, if successful, we plan to launch across CTM at a later date.

2. If yes to Q1: approximately how many women using your maternity services were identified as having at least one social risk factor in the financial year 2024/25, where such data are routinely recorded? If an exact figure is not readily available, an estimate or the most recent available figure would be helpful.

For the Review of Maternity Services for Women, Pregnant People and Families with Social Complexities, we analysed how many women accessing maternity services had at least one social complexity between 1st July 2024- 30th June 2025. 15.3% (637 out of 4156) of all pregnant people in CTM presented at booking with one or more of the following social complexities:

- Adolescent pregnancies (aged under 18 at booking)
- Pregnancies among women with disabilities
- Recent migrants or those experiencing language barriers
- Care-experienced women
- Women affected by female genital mutilation (FGM)
- Substance misuse
- Domestic abuse
- Severe deprivation
- Late engagement with maternity services (booking after 20 weeks) or concealed pregnancies
- Severe Mental Illness
- Previous safeguarding involvement

Please note, the adolescent pregnancies data collected as part of the review includes those who booked with maternity services aged 17 and under, in line with MatDAT recommendations of those who would require level 3 care.

The below table provides data regarding adolescent pregnancies up to the age of 20 for the financial year requested. Those aged 18 and 19 are not included in the 15.3% quoted above.

Adolescent Pregnancies in the financial year 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025	
Age at Booking	Number of Bookings
15	6
16	28
17	62
18	64
19	54
Total	214

3. Does your maternity service currently use the MatDAT (Maternity Disadvantage Assessment Tool), or any other standardised tool, to assess social risk in pregnancy/postnatally?

We do not currently use the MatDAT or any other standardised tool to assess social risk. However, it is the long term aim that women in CTM who are assessed as needing level 3 or 4 care are supported by a case-loading team for women with social complexities (the BLOOM team). However, due to resources and limitations of local data, the team will initially focus on the populations discussed in question one, which were devised by referencing- but not strictly adhering to- the MatDAT. Pathways and resources to support those requiring level 2 care will be reviewed following the successful implementation of this team, supported by a wider public health strategy for maternity that is currently being developed.

4. At which points during maternity care are social risk assessments routinely completed or reviewed? (e.g. booking appointment, 28 weeks, admission for birth, postnatal care)

A full assessment is completed at the booking appointment. If a complexity is identified and care is transferred to the BLOOM team, a separate assessment is completed during the first visit. At subsequent antenatal appointments, a routine enquiry should be completed and while there is no further formal risk assessment undertaken, if during routine care and enquiries social complexity is identified, further support is provided.

5. Which Electronic Patient Record (EPR) system is primarily used in your maternity service to document social risk? (e.g. Badgernet, K2, EPIC)

Badgernet has been implemented in the community since March 2026 and will be launched in the acute service from June 2026. Prior to this, MITS was used to collect data.