

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Decision notice

Date: 28 May 2025

Public Authority: Ashford and St. Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Address: St Peter's Hospital
Guildford Road
Chertsey
Surrey
KT16 0PZ

1. Request:

The complainant requested the following information from Ashford and St. Peter's Hospitals NHS foundation Trust on 17 March 2025:

"...please could you answer these questions:

1. When did Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust start using Intergrowth as their fetal growth charts (i.e- plotting estimated fetal weight to report a centile)?
2. Which version of Intergrowth are Ashford and St Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust using for their fetal growth charts - the 2017 (Stirnemann et al. Ultrasound Obstet Gynecol 2017; 49: 478-486) or 2020 version (Stirnemann, J., Salomon, L.J. and Papageorgiou, A.T. (2020). Ultrasound Obstet Gynecol, 56: 946-948).
3. When adopting either version of Intergrowth 21st, did the Trust apply alterations of thresholds for small for gestational age (lower than 10th centile) or fetal growth restriction (lower than 3rd centile) based on consideration of local population variation and local perinatal mortality and morbidity?

4. Can you share the decision-making and ratification process for the Trust changing from the GROW charts to the Intergrowth 21st charts? Please share any documentation related to this change, i.e.-ratification or guideline group meeting notes, internal emails, etc.

The questions below are for the period of time that the Trust has used Intergrowth 21st to work out the centiles that fetuses' estimated fetal weights plot onto:

5. What is the raw number, and percentage of total births, of fetuses that the Trust identified as having an estimated fetal weight that is (1) less than the 10th centile and (2) less than 3rd centile?

6. What is the raw number, and percentage of total births, of babies born at the Trust, that the Trust identified as having a birth weight (1) less than the 10th centile and (2) less than 3rd centile. Please share the birth weight chart used throughout the period that the Trusts has used Intergrowth, including the journal reference.

7. What is the raw number, and percentage of total births, of babies from question 6, that the Trust did not identify antenatally?"

2. Commissioner's Decision:

A public authority will breach section 10 of FOIA if it fails to respond to a request within 20 working days.

Based on evidence available to the Commissioner, by the date of this notice the public authority has not issued a substantive response to this request. Therefore, the Commissioner finds a breach of section 10.

3. Steps:

The public authority must provide a substantive response to the request in accordance with its obligations under FOIA.

The public authority must take this step within 30 calendar days of the date of this decision notice. Failure to comply may result in the Commissioner making written certification of this fact to the High Court pursuant to section 54 of FOIA and may be dealt with as a contempt of court.

4. Right of Appeal:

Either party has the right to appeal against this decision notice to the First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights). Information about the appeals process may be obtained from:

First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights)
GRC & GRP Tribunals,
PO Box 9300,
LEICESTER,
LE1 8DJ

Tel: 0203 936 8963

Fax: 0870 739 5836

Email: grc@justice.gov.uk

Website: www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber

Any Notice of Appeal should be served on the Tribunal within 28 (calendar) days of the date on which this decision notice is sent.

**Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF**