

Freedom of Information Request – 4022

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from the Trust:

1. Does the Trust allow women to have caesarean sections by maternal request (i.e. when a woman asks for a caesarean section when there is no other indication)?

Yes, with fully informed consent and a second opinion from another consultant.

Only if you answer “No” to Q1:

2. If possible, please state when this restriction was introduced (or state if it has always been Trust policy).

3. a. Please provide the relevant policy and/or guideline which sets out the Trust's position on caesarean sections by maternal request. Please attach the document(s) or provide a direct link(s), stating page number if applicable.

The Trust uses the NICE Caesarean Section Guideline 132. 1.2.9.

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg132/chapter/1-Guidance#planned-cs>

- b. If applicable, please provide the patient information leaflet provided to women who ask for a maternal request caesarean section. Please attach the document or provide a direct link.

We do not have a specific patient information leaflet about maternal request CS but we inform every woman indicating this may be her choice that we use the RCOG and NICE guidance to inform the discussion with the lady.