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**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received into this office on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 13, 2018.

**You Asked for:**

1. Do you commission antenatal education classes? – **yes or no?** If yes, what is the annual budget for this/these contracts/service provision?

Commission antenatal education classes?	Annual budget

**2. Answer only if you commission antenatal education classes:**

(a) Do the practitioners delivering the classes use a specific evidence-based programme/s/model/s? – **yes or no?**

- (i) **If yes**, which one/s and is it/are they licenced?
- (ii) **If no**, briefly describe the what programme is provided.

(b) Which senior manager/s is/are responsible for the commissioning of this/these service/s? What is/are their email address/s?

Use of specific evidence-based model/programme?	Programme/s/model/s used	Is it licenced?	Name of senior manager	Email address of senior manager

**3. Answer only if you commission antenatal education classes:**

(a) Which organisation provides this/these service/s? What are the contract start and end dates?

(b) Are the classes commissioned individually as a cost and volume contract or as part of a block contract?

Programme/s/model used	Name of provider organisation	Contract start date	Contract end date	Cost and volume contract or part of block contract?

4. Here is a list of vulnerabilities/adversities that can impact on the ability of parents-to-be to engage with antenatal education:

- Those with mental health difficulties
- Those experiencing social isolation or from a socially marginalised community
- Survivors of domestic abuse
- Those with learning difficulties
- Those with substance use difficulties
- Parents who have had previous children removed into care
- care leavers
- Teenage parents
- Parents in prison
- Those not speaking English as a first language
- Those with chaotic or transient lifestyles
- Black or minority ethnic communities
- Those with anti-social or offender behaviour
- Asylum seekers

Much of this information is gathered by midwives at booking in appointments.

4. (a) Do you, or have you in the past, carry/carried out any analysis of this data, or collected and analysed any data, to determine whether parents-to-be experiencing any of these difficulties are less likely to access/engage with antenatal education delivered in your area than those who do? **-yes or no?**

4. (b) Do any of the antenatal education classes specifically target vulnerable parents-to-be? **- yes or no?** If yes, which ones?

Analysis of data?	Antenatal education for vulnerable parents-to-be?

5. (a) Do you commission any other services that target vulnerable parents-to-be? **- yes or no?** **If yes,** briefly describe the services.

Commission other service for vulnerable parents?	Brief description

## **Our Response:**

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) does not commission education classes from our maternity providers however, women are offered access to a course from the provider organisation which is funded as part of the maternity pathway payment.

The CCG commissions a perinatal mental health service from our Acute provider which provides;

- Screening, support, advice and treatment of pregnant women with either a current, or history of mental health problems or those who have been identified as being at significant risk of developing them.
- Provide a service predominantly for women with moderate to severe mental health problems. In some cases this may be up to 12 months post-partum.
- To promptly identify women with very severe mental illness and refer immediately to Specialised Perinatal Mental Health Services Tier 4 (In-patient Mother and Baby Units and Linked Out-reach Teams).

We hope this information is useful, however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team (contact details at the top of this letter)

Yours sincerely

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