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Subject:	Maternity service
Date of Request:	4 July 2022

Request and response:

Attached is a short questionnaire. We would be grateful if you could complete this soon as possible, within the 20 days of the Freedom of Information guidance.

Your time in completing it is greatly appreciated.

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides the information requested below, as requested.

- 1. What is your name and role within the trust?
 - (Write in)

Your name	Kathryn Greaves
Role within the Trust	Head of Midwifery and Women's Services

2. What is the name of your NHS trust? (Write in)

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB)

3. How many babies were born in your trust in 2021? *(Write in)*

2,984

4. Is there currently an NHS tongue-tie division in your trust? (*Please tick one*)

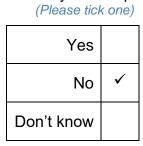
Yes	✓	Proceed to question 7
No		Proceed to question 5
 5. If there is no tonguetie division service in your Trust, do you have a referral pathway to a service (e.g. which may be private or located in another Trust)? (Please tick one) 		
Yes		Proceed to question 6

No Proceed to questi	tion 7
 How many referrals were made (or a recent 12 month period) (Write in) 	
2022. An initial pilot was held be	gue tie service was introduced formally in January etween June and December 2021, during which en. The service is still in its initial development
 How many babies were referr (Write in) 	red for possible division?
There were 90 referrals for possi 2022.	sible division during the period January to July
 How many babies actually ha 2021? (Write in) 	ad an NHS tongue tie division in your Trust in
•	hold this information due to the service only being owever, during a trial period between June and divisions were undertaken
Any comment to add?	
Prior to the implementation of the the UHB's Ear, Nose and Throat	ne service tongue tie divisions were undertaken by t service.
9. Who is the service run by? (Please tick as many as apply)	
	\checkmark
(Please tick as many as apply)	 ✓ ✓
(Please tick as many as apply) Midwives	
(Please tick as many as apply) Midwives Paediatricians	
(Please tick as many as apply) Midwives Paediatricians Lactation consultants	
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10. For funding purposes what is the tongue tie release coded as? (Write in)

NHS Wales does not operate in the same way NHS England. Therefore, there is no funding stream associated with tongue tie release.

11. Do you accept out-of-area referrals?



12. What are the criteria for referral?

(Please tick as many as apply)

in	Weight loss /poor weight gain
ie 🗸	Obvious Tongue tie
je	Maternal pain and nipple damage
er	Slow messy bottle feeder
rť	Feeding for long periods and often despite breastfeeding support'

13. Do you accept referrals for formula fed babies?

(Please tick one)

Yes	~
No	

14. Does your service divide tongue--ties described as posterior/sub--mucosal? (*Please tick one*)

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Yes	~
No	
Don't know	

- 15. What is the usual waiting time between referral and appointment with the tongue--tie service? (Write in)
- 1-2 weeks
- 16. What is the maximum age for babies to be referred to the service? (Write in)
- 12 Weeks
- 17. Does your service use any specific assessment tool? (*Please tick as many as apply*)

Hazelbaker	
Tabby	~
Martinelli	
Clinical Judgement	~
Other	

18. Is specialist breastfeeding support available for mothers and babies immediately after a tongue--tie division?

Yes	✓
No	
Don't know	

19. What follow up do the mothers and babies have after division? (*Please tick one*)

Clinic review	
Phone call or text	
None unless requested	~

20. When does that review occur? (Please tick one)

Next day	
A few days	
1 week	~
2 weeks	
3 weeks	
1 month	

21. What aftercare is recommended?

(Please tickas many as apply)

LEVEL 1 No intervention, feeding the baby as usual Other than observing for any bleeding or signs of infection no other action is taken LEVEL 2 Feeding the baby as usual and also encouraging parents to 1 do 'tongue exercises' with the baby These exercises might include: Encouraging baby to suck a clean finger and withdraw the finger slowly in a 'tug of war' game; running a clean finger along baby's lower gums to encourage sideways tongue movement; parent(s)sticking their tongue out at the baby to encourage the baby to mimic the action. These are detailed on the current ATP 'Care After Tongue-Tie Division (Frenulotomy)' leaflet. LEVEL 3 Encouraging 'tongue lifting' The parent is encouraged to insert either one or two of their fore fingers under the baby's tongue, with the finger tips at each side of the wound and lifts the tongue upwards enough to stretch the wound site. Touching the wound site itself is not encouraged. LEVEL 4 Active wound management (AWM) or disruptive wound massage/management (DWM) This involves using a clean finger(s) in a 'sweeping', rubbing or circulate motion (massaging) across the opened wound site. Sometimes including stretching or opening the wound in addition

22. In comparison to pre-COVID (March 2020) have the number of tongue tie referrals....?

(Please tick one)

increased	~
stayed the same	

decreased			
23. In comparison to pro (Please tick one)	e-CO'	VID (March 2020) has your waiting list?	
increased	✓		
stayed the same			
decreased			
24. In comparison to pro changed? (Please tick one)	e-CO'	VID (March 2020) have your criteria for referral	
No	~		
Yes			
If yes, please specify			
25. Has COVID had an (Please tick one)	y othe	er impact on your service?	
No	~		
Yes			
If yes, please specify			
		be contacted for further details about the tongue tie give your email address.	
deborah.weymouth@w	<u>/ales.</u>	<u>nhs.uk</u>	
27. If you have any fur generally, please use t <i>(Write in)</i>		comments relating to this survey or tongue tie services ox below	1
28. Would you like a co (Please tick one)	py of	the report when it is finished?	

No
Yes ✓