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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 by the Corporate Affairs Team on the 5th July 2017.

You Asked for:

- How many babies (i.e) below the age of 1) were diagnosed with issues of ankylossia (tongue-tie) in each financial year since 2012/13.
- Of the babies diagnosed with issues of ankylossia (tongue-tie) in 2016, how many had a surgical procedure carried out by NHS surgeons to resolve these specific issues, and how long did they wait (on average, in calendar days) for the procedure following diagnosis?
- In 2016, what was the mean age of babies with such issues when the ankylossia (tongue-tie) procedure was performed?

Our Response:

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group are unable to obtain the number of patients with a diagnosis of Ankylossia as this would only be collected a GP Practice level. This would require approval from the CCG, Wirral GP Practices and Local Medical Council (LMC).

The NHS Wirral CCG Business Intelligence Team have looked at admissions since 2013 with anyone under the age of 1 with the main diagnosis of Ankylossia and the table below shows the activity.

The age at admission only show zero years so unfortunately, we are unable to obtain an accurate average age.

There were only two admissions were babies had a procedure and the was in 2013\14 and the procedure was F263 Incision of frenulum of tongue and related to the 2 day case admissions

Table1: Babies admitted with diagnosis of Ankylossia (ICD Q381) at Wirral University Teaching Hospital Foundation Trust

Fin-Year	Daycase	Non-Elective	Non-Elective Non-Emergency	Total
2013/14	2		10	12
2014/15			10	10
2015/16		1	15	16
2016/17			4	4
2017/18			1	1
Total	2	1	40	43

Notes

Data Source: Wirral Contracting

Babies defined as anyone under age of 1.

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