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Subject: Maternity units

REQUEST & RESPONSE

This information would help us to establish accurate prevalence data and establish the current national practice regarding follow-up of third- and fourth-degree tears between 31st December 2023- 1st January 2025. and correlate data with the maternity dashboard.

Name of Hospital / Unit	Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust Ormskirk Site			
Address	Wigan Road, Ormskirk L39 2AZ			
	Total	Primiparous	Multiparous	Don't Know
All Births	2132	663	1449	20
All Deliveries	2112	659	1433	20
Vaginal deliveries	1165	345	813	7
Forceps deliveries	186	106	77	<5
Ventouse deliveries	60	35	25	0
Failed ventouse → Forceps deliveries	<5	<5	0	0
Caesarean Section	947	314	620	13
Elective caesarean	468	108	353	7

section				
Emergency caesarean Section	479	206	267	6
Second degree tears	475	170	301	<5
Sutured second degree tears	470	169	297	<5
Episiotomies	286	173	111	<5
Third degree tears	30	22	8	0
3a	21	14	7	0
3b	9	8	<5	0
3c	0	0	0	0
Fourth degree tears	0	0	0	0
Rectal buttonhole tear	-	-	-	-
Type of Hospital/Unit? (please X or ✓)	Free-standing Midwifery Unit x	Alongside Midwifery Unit x	Obstetrician Led Labour Ward ✓	State Other: x
How are third- and fourth-degree tears classified for data collection? (please X or ✓)				
3 rd degree tears x	3 rd & 4 th degree tears separately x	Grade 3a, 3b, 3c, 4 th degree ✓	Don't know x	
Do you have a designated perineal clinic	Yes	No ✓		

If yes, is it (please X or ✓)	Midwifery led	Obstetrician led	State Other:	
Please kindly provide names of perineal clinic leads and designation Name: Contact Address Email:	Section 40 – Personal Information Exemption Applied Antenatal Clinic Ormskirk DGH Wigan Road Ormskirk L39 2AZ			
If No, how are women with 3 rd & 4 th degree tears followed up? (please X or ✓)				
Community midwives	GP	Hospital antenatal clinic	Others – Please state Physio via t/c within 2 weeks and F2F within 6-8 weeks ? seen by consultants who did repair and appt booked by ward clerk when discharging from maternity ward.	
Do you have a designated women's health physiotherapist? (please X or ✓)				
If yes, how many?	✓1			
If yes, when do they follow up women with 3 rd & 4 th degree tears				
Antenatal	Postnatal Postnatal Physio via t/c within 2 weeks and F2F within	Ward prior to discharge	Other- Please state	

	6-8 weeks			
What maternity data system is used in your unit? (please X or ✓)				
Epic	Terranova	Euro king	Cerner	Other: ✓ Medway
Any further comments:	PPHM new in post Clinic currently being set up			
Kindly provide the following details in case we need clarification.				
Your name:	Section 40 – Personal Information Exemption Applied			
Contact details:	Section 40 – Personal Information Exemption Applied			
Email address:				