

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

RF23-432

Request:

1. How many early pregnancy units do you have within your health board?
2. Please can you provide the opening times of those early pregnancy units?
3. Do you have any dedicated recurrent pregnancy-loss clinics or recurrent miscarriage clinics within your health board?
4. If so, please can you give the number of clinics you have?
5. Do you have any dedicated pregnancy-loss clinics or miscarriage clinics (i.e. for non-recurring losses) within your health board?
6. If so, please can you give the number of clinics you have?
7. How many recurrent miscarriages would an individual need to experience before being entitled to an investigation into the causes?
8. What mental health support do you offer for people affected by miscarriage?

Response:

We can confirm East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHUFT) holds the information you have requested.

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2. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Hospital (QEQM): Monday to Saturday 8-4pm
Kent and Canterbury Hospital (K&C): Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8-4pm
William Harvey Hospital (WHH): Sunday to Friday 8-4pm. There is also a Women's Health Suite at the WHH that is open 24/7 for referrals.
3. No, we do not receive enough referrals to sustain a dedicated recurrent miscarriage clinic so women are seen in the gynaecology outpatients by the specialist recurrent miscarriage consultants.
4. N/A
5. No
6. N/A
7. On the third recurrent loss we investigate and send for genetic testing.
8. We can refer to:
 - Women's Health Counsellors



- The Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society (SANDs)
- Miscarriage Association
- Bereavement Midwives (for late miscarriages)
- 'Little Steps' This service is available to support women and their families who have experienced any traumatic losses in the past when embarking on a new pregnancy and throughout.
- Mother and Infant Mental Health Service (MIMHS)

We also have Consultant clinics at the QEQM and WHH for women who experience a loss over 12 weeks gestation.

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