

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request concerning maternity units.

The Trust can provide the following information:

1.

a) Do you record whether or not expectant mothers drink alcohol? **Yes**

b) If so, do you record the level/amount of alcohol they drink? **Yes**

<u>Alcohol Consumption</u>	<u>Units per week</u>
Never	<1 unit
Current light	1-5 units
Current heavy	6-10 units
Heavy in the past	11-14 units
	15 or more
	Other
Stopped alcohol use in pregnancy	

c) How do you calculate that level (please give as much detail as possible)?

By asking the number of units per week  
Units per week  
<1 unit  
1-5 units  
6-10 units  
11-14 units  
15 or more  
Other

d) Do you keep a record of the amount of alcohol drunk throughout all three trimesters?

Women who disclose significant alcohol use are referred to the Specialist Midwife for Alcohol and Substance Misuse and are then seen in conjunction with other agencies i.e. Alcohol Key Worker via the Community Drug Services. Alcohol use is then monitored on an individual basis and recorded in confidential notes.

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2. For each of the past three financial years

a) how many expectant mothers attending your unit have drunk more than four units of alcohol per week during pregnancy?

See table at bottom

b) Please could you also provide that figure as a percentage of the total number of expectant mothers attending your unit?

See table at bottom

If you have any queries about this response please contact the information governance manager at [foi@homerton.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@homerton.nhs.uk) , in the first instance. If, following that, you still have any concerns, you may contact the Information Commissioner either by letter, FOI/EIR Complaints resolution, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SM9 5AF, or by email [www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk) to take them further.

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Yours sincerely

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Alcohol consumption						
	Current light	Current Hevey	Heavy in past	Not recorded	Stopped in Pregnancy	Alcohol use at delivery
01.04.2011-31.03.2012	1271	16	38	72	3	399
01.04.2012-31.03.2013	1501	8	38	1	3	417
01.04.2013-31.03.2014	1708	15	63	1	6	470

Alcohol intake in units									
	<1	1 to 5	6 to 10	11 to 14	15 or more	Other	Does not drink	Not recorded	
01.042011-31.032012	188	81	24	9	6	51	4456	1148	
01.042012-31.032013	272	112	21	6	3	34	4881	1213	
01.04.2013-31.03.2014	201	168	42	8	8	16	5033	1380	

	<1	1 to 5	6 to 10	11 to 14	15 or more	Other	Does not drink	Not recorded	Total Bookings
01.042011-31.032012	1.44%	1.33%	0.04%	0.01%	0.009%	0.08%	73.02%	18.81%	6102
01.042012-31.032013	4.20%	1.73%	0.03%	0.009%	0.005%	0.05%	75.39%	18.74%	6474
01.04.2013-31.03.2014	2.93%	2.45%	0.06%	0.01%	0.01%	0.02%	73.39%	20.12%	6858

	<1	1 to 5	6 to 10	11 to 14	15 or more	Other	Does not drink	Not recorded	Total Deliveries
01.042011-31.032012	3.68%	1.58%	0.05%	0.02%	0.010%	0.10%	87.25%	22.48%	5107
01.042012-31.032013	5.13%	2.11%	0.04%	0.01%	0.005%	0.06%	92.18%	22.90%	5295
01.04.2013-31.03.2014	3.66%	3.06%	0.08%	0.010%	0.010%	0.03%	91.60%	25.11%	5494

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	<b>Current light</b>	<b>Current Hevey</b>	<b>Heavy in past</b>	<b>Not recorded</b>	<b>Stopped in Pregnancy</b>	<b>Alcohol use at delivery</b>	<b>Total Bookings</b>
01.04.2011-31.03.2012	20.83%	0.02%	0.06%	1.18%	0.005%	6.54%	6102
01.04.2012-31.03.2013	23.18%	0.01%	0.06%	0.005%	0.005%	6.44%	6474
01.04.2013-31.03.2014	24.90%	0.22%	0.09%	0.004%	0.009%	6.85%	6858

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01.04.2011-31.03.2012	24.88%	0.03%	0.07%	1.41%	0.006%	7.81%	5107
01.04.2012-31.03.2013	28.34%	0.02%	0.07%	0.002%	0.006%	7.87%	5295
01.04.2013-31.03.2014	31.09%	0.03%	1.15%	0.002%	0.001%	8.55%	5494

