

27th October 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding your request for a copy of the Clinical Senate Report relating to the Hospital's maternity service.

The Trust can provide the following information:

I write to ask the Trust for a copy of the full report of this review by the London Clinical Senate, as I have not been able to find a published copy. I asked the London Clinical Senate if they could provide a copy but they suggested that I request this data from the Trust.

Please refer to the attached report.

In considering your request, certain parts of the report have been redacted, for which section 41(1) of the FoI act has been engaged, to maintain patient confidentiality. The Information Commissioners Office is of the view that the duty of confidence continues to apply after the death of a person. The sections redacted are highlighted in enclosed brackets of the attached document.

Following a number of decision notices by the Information Commissioner's Office, it has been well established that information relating to medical records should remain confidential with regard to patients who have died. Any medical information released could be considered a breach of confidence, resulting in potential legal action being taken by the personal representative of that person.

If you have any queries about this response please contact the information governance manager at 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 to take them further.

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Yours sincerely

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