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Dear Sir or Madam,

Ref: FOI 2922

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding the services Homerton hospital offers for women experiencing multiple disadvantages.

The Trust can provide the following information:

1) What services are you currently commissioned to deliver specifically for women affected by:

Substance use problems

Please note this service is not specific to women as it is offered to both men and women but can advise that we have an out of hours service to cover pregnant women who have substance misuse problems.

- 1 x Specialist Substance and Alcohol Misuse (SAAM) midwife, band 7, full time – case loading women affected by/engaged in substance and/or alcohol misuse who have complex issues.
- 8 x Public Health Midwives, band 7, full time – case load vulnerable women who may be using substances but at a non-complex level that doesn't need management by SAAM midwife.
- 'Out of area' Safeguarding specialist midwife, band 7, full time - caseloads vulnerable women booked for maternity care at Homerton who live in other boroughs.
- 1 x Mental health specialist midwife, band 7, full time, who caseloads women whilst they are inpatients in either adult psychiatric ward (managed by the East London Foundation Trust) or mother and baby unit.
- Orbit: weekly 2 hour drop in at Comet Children's Centre for women pregnant, or with children under 5 affected by/engaged in substance misuse

Mental health problems

All though patients might be seen in our Emergency department that present with mental health issues, there is no specific mental health inpatient, outpatient, or outreach support specific to women.

Homelessness

Please contact the London Borough of Hackney who provide this service.

Involvement in offending

Please contact the London Borough of Hackney who provide this service.

2) For each type of service commissioned:

Who is the service manager and what are their contact details?

For Mental Health problems we don't have a service manager as patients are only seen in the Emergency Department. For the contact details for Substance Misuse Manager please contact the Midwifery department via the Homerton main switchboard 0208 510 5555.

How many women can they support at any one time?

We have high turnover for patients diagnosed with mental health problems but cannot break this down by gender. The Orbit group session has 5-10 women per session.

When does the current contract end?

Contract cycle/funding differs depending on source. If externally funded these are usually on a 3 year funding cycle – The Specialist Substance and Alcohol Misuse (SAAM) midwife is internally funded there are not contract dates. Orbit Group has recently been renewed for a year.

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Yours sincerely

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