FOI 1953

Date 09/03/2023

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

**Can you confirm if A) your NHS Trust gives direct fetal painkiller as part of the standard operating procedure for feticide? and, if not, B) if the birthing person requests direct fetal painkiller, will direct fetal painkiller be considered and, if appropriate, administered?**

Please see attached guidance we hold for the Trust.

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Yours sincerely,

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