

**Reference:** FOI.ICB-2526/009

**Subject:** Perinatal Substance Abuse Support Services

*I can confirm that the ICB does hold some of the information requested; please see responses below:*

| QUESTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | RESPONSE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <p>1. Does your Integrated Care System (ICS) or any NHS organisation within your ICS have specialist midwives dedicated to supporting women who use substances during the perinatal period?</p> <p>If so, please provide any documentation available for these services, such as referral guidelines, service protocols, or links to relevant webpages or online resources.</p> | <p><b>University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust (UHBW)</b> - the referral pathway is through BadgerNet. The referral is then triaged by the substance misuse team to see if their specialist input is required. The majority of referrals come from outside agencies (Bristol drug project etc) as soon as women present as pregnant.</p> <p><b>North Bristol NHS Trust (NBT)</b> – there is not a specific ‘named’ Substance Misuse midwife, it falls under the complex care team pathway which is built of 3 specialist midwives. They have a named consultant for substance misuse who runs a weekly clinic with the support of one of these midwives.</p> <p>We advise you to contact the hospital Trusts directly for further information. Contact details can be found via the links below:</p> <p>UHBW: <a href="https://www.uhbw.nhs.uk/p/how-we-use-your-data/freedom-of-information-foi-requests">https://www.uhbw.nhs.uk/p/how-we-use-your-data/freedom-of-information-foi-requests</a></p> <p>NBT: <a href="https://www.nbt.nhs.uk/about-us/information-governance/freedom-information/request-information">https://www.nbt.nhs.uk/about-us/information-governance/freedom-information/request-information</a></p> |

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| <p>2. Are there any other dedicated services within your ICS area that provide care to women who use or are in treatment for substances during the perinatal period?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please provide details on the service, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Who leads the service and which professionals are involved in delivering the care.</li> <li>b. Whether this service is a partnership between: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. NHS</li> <li>ii. Third sector organisations</li> <li>iii. Local authority</li> <li>iv. Other organisations</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. If applicable, whether the service involves a manualised intervention, is an outreach service, or has a specific location.</li> <li>d. Whether the service is provided by a national organisation, or any other relevant details.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Please provide any documentation, guidelines, or protocols related to these services, and/or any relevant URLs.</p> | <p>Commissioning for substance use services is the responsibility of Local Authorities, Bristol City Council, North Somerset Council and South Gloucestershire Council.</p> <p>The Local Authorities can be contacted via the following links:</p> <p>Bristol City Council - <a href="https://www.bristol.gov.uk/data-protection-foi/freedom-of-information-foi">https://www.bristol.gov.uk/data-protection-foi/freedom-of-information-foi</a></p> <p>North Somerset Council - <a href="https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/council-democracy/data-protection-freedom-information/freedom-information/about-freedom-information-foi">https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/council-democracy/data-protection-freedom-information/freedom-information/about-freedom-information-foi</a></p> <p>South Gloucestershire Council - <a href="https://www.southglos.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/data-protection-and-freedom-of-information/making-a-freedom-of-information-request/">https://www.southglos.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/data-protection-and-freedom-of-information/making-a-freedom-of-information-request/</a></p> |
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***The information provided in this response is accurate as of 12 May 2025 and has been approved for release by Sarah Truelove, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer and Rosi Shepherd, Chief Nursing Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.***