Ref No: DGS 169  
28 December 2017

Dear 

Further to your request for information dated 8 December 2017 the information requested is below

- Advise the total number of caesarean sections you have paid for in the year April 16-April 17. We would like you to provide a breakdown of the number of unplanned caesareans and the number of planned caesareans- both the actual number and the percentage of overall total births.

*Point of delivery recorded as NELNE (Non-Elective, Non Emergency) therefore it cannot be determined if emergency or planned.

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<th>Description</th>
<th>Number</th>
<th>% of Total Births</th>
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<td>Planned Lower Uterine Caesarean Section with CC</td>
<td>135</td>
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<tr>
<td>Planned Lower Uterine Caesarean Section without CC</td>
<td>240</td>
<td>11.8%</td>
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<td>Emergency or Upper Uterine Caesarean Section, with CC</td>
<td>164</td>
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<td>Emergency or Upper Uterine Caesarean Section, without CC</td>
<td>300</td>
<td>14.6%</td>
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<td>Caesarean Section with Eclampsia, Pre-eclampsia or Placenta Praevia</td>
<td>63</td>
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- In addition please provide any additional information/categorization of the reasons recorded for the planned caesareans. (We would like to find out how many planned caesareans were carried out primarily for a psychological reason and how many planned caesareans were carried out with no obstetric, medical or significant psychological reason)

The CCG does not have the reasons why these caesarean section were carried out and are therefore unable to response to this question.
• Are there any circumstances in which you as a CCG would refuse to fund a caesarean section? If so please specify what these circumstances are.

There has to be a clinical need why caesarean sections are carried out.

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