

Submission
No 1295

INQUIRY INTO BIRTH TRAUMA

Name: Name suppressed

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Partially
Confidential

Hello,

This is regarding the MGP at _____ Hospital. I applied very early on with both my pregnancies at around the 6 week mark knowing how difficult it was to get in and was rejected both times. The small number of people I have encountered who did manage to get into the program casually mentioned that they knew someone (e.g. friend, neighbour) who had the access and ability to let them join the program by “jumping the queue”. Can you please investigate the application process?

1. How many members of staff have the ability to decide who is approved for the MGP? Is there a panel who decide? Or do individuals decide? How often does this change?
2. What is the official method of selection for applicants who meet the criteria? Is it by date of application, chosen at random or personal preference of the panel?
3. How many MGP places are there and of those, how many are allocated to family/friends and how many places are for the general public?
3. Are the applications anonymized? Do panel members excuse themselves if they know an applicant?
4. What program is used to store applicants? (E.g. Excel or Access database?)
5. Is there a data management and security policy in place?
6. Is the data protected from unauthorized access (internal and external)?

Thank you,