FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

REF: 2026-106
Subject: Placental Complications, PAS, Hysterectomy Outcomes & Training (2021–2025)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your email dated **04/02/2026** where you requested information about **Placental Complications, PAS, Hysterectomy Outcomes & Training (2021–2025).**

Sincere apologies for the delay in our response, the information you requested is enclosed.

Period 01/01/2021 – 31/12/2025.

Please note: we are unable to break the data down by year due to low numbers

Please provide the following information for the last five calendar years (2021–2025), broken down by year:	
Question	**Answer**
1. How many deliveries recorded ICD-10 codes O73.0 or O73.1 (Retained placenta, with or without haemorrhage)?	36 deliveries recorded under ICD-10 codes O73.0 and O73.1 in a primary position during the time period
2. Of the cases in Question 1, how many also recorded a postpartum haemorrhage (PPH) of 1,000ml or more?	<5 recorded with PPH of 1000ml or more
3. How many deliveries recorded any of the following ICD-10 codes: – O43.21 (placenta accreta)	18 deliveries recorded under ICD-10 codes 043.2 in a primary position during the time period
– O43.22 (placenta increta)	Not applicable
– O43.23 (placenta percreta)	Not applicable
4. Of the PAS-coded cases in Question 3, how many were documented antenatally as "suspected PAS" in any ultrasound report or clinical note? If exact numbers are not held, please confirm whether this information is captured at all (for example, as a structured field, keyword, or extractable free text).	Data not held
5. How many women underwent peripartum hysterectomy where the primary recorded indication was PAS or suspected PAS? If available, please differentiate between planned and emergency hysterectomies.	Data not held

6. How many deliveries involved Manual Removal of Placenta (MROP)?	12 deliveries recorded as MROP
7. Of the MROP cases in Question 6, how many also recorded a postpartum haemorrhage (PPH) of 1,000ml or more?	5 deliveries recorded as MROP with PPH of 1000ml or more
8. Is diagnostic and management training for Placenta Accreta Spectrum (PAS) a mandatory requirement for frontline maternity staff? (Yes/No. If Yes, please specify which staff groups this applies to.)	No
9. In the last 24 months, has the Trust included a PAS-specific scenario (distinct from general haemorrhage) in mandatory Skills & Drills, PROMPT, or other obstetric emergency training?	No
10. Does the Trust have a written "Hard Stop" protocol for manual removal of a sticky or retained placenta (for example, a defined time limit or limit on number of attempts before escalation to a suspected PAS pathway)?	No
11. In the Trust's maternity electronic patient record system, is "suspected PAS" captured as: - a structured field, - free text only, or - not recorded at all?	Free text only
12. Which ultrasound guideline or reporting template does the Trust use when identifying or documenting suspected PAS? (For example, RCOG guidance, FIGO guidance, an internal Trust guideline, or other.)	The ultrasound guidance that the Trust use when identifying or documenting suspected PAS is a local document called the Management of Placenta Praevia & Accreta guideline, which is based upon on RCOG / FIGO / Oxford clinical guidelines.
If this request exceeds the statutory cost limit, please prioritise Questions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8, and confirm which remaining elements can be completed within the limit.	

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