

**Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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1) Does your hospital have an obstetric unit?

**Yes**

2) What is the number of births per year in your obstetric unit?

**Around 5,000 per year**

3) Do you use cell salvage in obstetrics?

**No**

4) In what situations is cell salvage used: **N/A**

- a) All caesarean sections
- b) category 1 caesarean section
- c) category 2 caesarean section
- d) category 3 caesarean section
- e) category 4 caesarean section
- f) caesarean section with high risk of haemorrhage
- g) obstetric patients refusing blood transfusion

5) What is the availability of cell salvage in your obstetric unit: **N/A**

- a) 24 hour
- b) day-time only
- c) depending on staff and/or equipment)

6) How many times per year over the last 5 years have you used cell salvage for collection only in your obstetric unit?

Year	Number of times CS used
2014	0
2015	0
2016	0
2017	0
2018	0

7) How many times per year over the last 5 years have you used cell salvage for collection and reinfusion in your obstetric unit?

Year	Number of times CS used
2014	0
2015	0
2016	0
2017	0
2018	0

8) Does your hospital obstetric unit have any concerns about using cell salvaged blood at caesarean section?

**No**

9) If yes to question 6, do your concerns relate to any of the following (tick all that apply)

- a) Infection risk
- b) Haemolytic disease in future pregnancy
- c) Cost

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- d) Amniotic fluid embolism
- e) Need for broad spectrum antibiotics
- f) Availability of trained staff
- g) Availability of equipment
- h) Other (please state)

**We are looking at purchasing a cell salvage system.**