

**RE: Freedom of Information Request 201920/026 – Maternity unit on call rota**

<b>Your Query</b>	<b>Date of Request</b>	April 2019
<p>Many thanks for the information.</p> <p>Please can you explain how the on call rota is managed for the consultants. And is there paediatric cover?</p>		
<b>Response</b>		
<p>The consultant on call rota at the maternity unit, Balfour Hospital is made up several weeks in advance by a consultant. Any annual leave, study leave etc is arranged in advance according to hospital policy. Locum cover is arranged if required.</p> <p>There is no dedicated paediatric service within the Balfour Hospital. Emergency paediatric cover is covered by the hospital consultant team, in liaison with the NHS Grampian paediatric team. Any child requiring complex or inpatient care will be transferred to another hospital for appropriate care, usually Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital</p> <p>Immediate neonatal care is provided by appropriately trained midwifery and medical staff. Any neonate requiring additional care is stabilised under the guidance of the Grampian neonatal team and transferred by the national neonatal retrieval service.</p>		