

Request Ref: 2865

FOI Request dated **26/04/2023** as follows –

I am writing to submit a freedom of information request in relation to your undergraduate Midwifery course. In relation to this course please can you provide the following information:

- 1. Is the topic of tongue-tie (ankyloglossia) included in the curriculum for this course?*
- 2. If so in which year(s) is it included?*
- 3. What are the learning objectives and outcomes in relation to the tongue-tie (ankyloglossia) element of the course?*
- 4. Are people who complete your Midwifery course expected to be able to assess a baby for a tongue-tie (ankyloglossia)?*
- 5. Are there any limitations in terms of scope of practice noted in the course in relation to midwives and tongue-tie (ankyloglossia)?*
- 6. Is the topic of frenulotomy included in the course?*
- 7. If so, in which year(s) is it covered?*
- 8. What are the learning objectives and outcomes in relation to frenulotomy?*
- 9. Are people who complete your course educated on how to conduct a frenulotomy?*
- 10. Are there any limitations in terms of scope of practice noted in the course in relation to midwives and frenulotomy?*

Further questions received 05/05/2023 –

I apologise for not including these requests with my initial request but could I also ask the following in relation to the teaching of tongue-tie on your midwifery course:

- 1. How many hours of tuition are dedicated to the topic of tongue-ties?*
- 2. Who performs this teaching? Are they e.g. a frenulotomist, midwife etc.? What qualifications do they hold in relation to infant feeding and tongue-tie?*
- 3. Is this a signed-off skill?*

Response

1. Is the topic of tongue-tie (ankyloglossia) included in the curriculum for this course? – The concept of tongue-tie might be raised by students when discussing factors that may affect the neonate's ability to obtain sufficient milk when discussing effective attachment.
2. If so in which year(s) is it included? Raised by students in year 2 or 3
3. What are the learning objectives and outcomes in relation to the tongue-tie (ankyloglossia) element of the course? It does not have specific learning outcomes relating to tongue tie- assessment, diagnosis, and treatment.
4. Are people who complete your Midwifery course expected to be able to assess a baby for a tongue-tie (ankyloglossia)? No
5. Are there any limitations in terms of scope of practice noted in the course in relation to midwives and tongue-tie (ankyloglossia)? It is Not the expectation of undergraduate student midwives to assess and diagnose tongue-tie.
6. Is the topic of frenulotomy included in the course? No
7. If so, in which year(s) is it covered? N/A
8. What are the learning objectives and outcomes in relation to frenulotomy? N/A
9. Are people who complete your course educated on how to conduct a frenulotomy? No

10. Are there any limitations in terms of scope of practice noted in the course in relation to midwives and frenulotomy? It is not the expectation of undergraduate student midwives to perform frenulotomy.

Further –

1. How many hours of tuition are dedicated to the topic of tongue-ties? Information not held as it is not a component of the pre-reg programme.
2. Who performs this teaching? Are they e.g. a frenulotomist, midwife etc.? What qualifications do they hold in relation to infant feeding and tongue-tie? As above
3. Is this a signed-off skill? As above