

Freedom of Information Act 2000**The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust Response to Information request****Date Request Received:** 9th January 2023**FOI Ref No:** 19227**Requested Information**

Is the administration of a direct fetal painkiller or anaesthetic, such as fentanyl or lidocaine, prior to a feticide included in the surgery protocols/standard operating procedures for a feticide in your NHS Trust?

For example, as demonstrated in step #17 of this Standard Operating Procedure: Feticide Procedure from the University of North Midlands NHS Trust:

<https://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/media/3655/20200713-foi-ref-099-2021-3-of-4.pdf>

Response

The lidocaine administration in the attached Standard Operating Procedure is NOT for FETAL painkiller at all and neither is the Fentanyl.

They are both for maternal comfort NOT fetal.

Yes, the Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust do use lidocaine as described in the attached SOP for the same reason they use it.

Attachment(s)

None

Date Response sent:

20th January 2023