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Dear Ms Moore

Tongue Tie division in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

Thank you for your letter dated 30 November 2017 regarding tongue tie.

I can confirm that a tongue tie division procedure is covered by a CCG policy. This policy has threshold criteria and if met, providers are able to carry out the procedure funded by the CCG through existing contracts.

There have been recent discussions within the Local Maternity Steering Group regarding if and how tongue tie relates to Better Births. It is felt that now the Strategy and Better Births plan has been submitted, the tongue tie pathway will form a small part of the overall Better Births programme of work.

As part of this work, we will support the providers, NWAFT and CUHFT, to ensure that they provide a service that meets the CCG threshold policy and NICE guidance, plus deliver a quality cost effective service. The inclusion of Tongue Tie within the Better Births programme means that we are anticipating that this service will be provided consistently across the STP footprint in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and co designed with service user input. There may need to be site variations, but this should ensure that clinical staff are aware of the criteria and referral for the procedure and where this can be undertaken.

The Children's Team is happy to meet with you if you would find that helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Chair & Chief Clinical Officer