

Ref: FOI/2023/8943

Date Received: 1st June 2023

Response Due: 29th June 2023

Date: 20th June 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

1. Please provide the number of term stillbirths (37 weeks or more) at your trust.

<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
<5	<5	<5	0	<5

2. Please provide the review process for each stillbirth recorded, e.g.. X number of PMRTs, X number of SIIIs, X number referred to the coroner. If relevant, please include the number that led to no review.

<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
<5	<5	<5	0	<5

3. In any reviews done following a stillbirth please list how many times each of the following was a contributing factor, concluded from the investigation.

a. Failing to monitor reduced foetal movements.

0

b. Wrongly interpreting test results during pregnancy

0

c. Failing to act on test results which highlight a problem.

0

d. Failure to treat infections in the mother.

0

e. Poor staffing levels

0

f. Failure to notice vital signs of distress.

0

4. Please provide the number of neonatal deaths at your trust.

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<5	<5	<5	<5	<5

5. Please provide the review process for each neonatal death, e.g. X number of SIs, X number referred to the coroner. If relevant, please include the number that led to no review.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
SI	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Coroner	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5

6. In any reviews following a neonatal death, please list how many times each of the following was a contributing factor, concluded from the investigation.

a. Failing to monitor reduced foetal movements

0

b. Wrongly interpreting test results during pregnancy

0

c. Failing to act on test results which highlight a problem

0

d. Failure to treat infections in the mother

0

e. Poor staffing levels

0

f. Failure to notice vital signs of distress

<5

g. Failing in antenatal care

<5

h. Insufficient or inaccurate handovers

0

i. Failing to recognise need for caesarean

<5

7. Please provide the number of maternal deaths at your trust.

0

8. Please provide the number of midwifery staffing red flags at your trust

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
30	20	<5	30	32

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The Trust has a policy of not releasing information when the data involved is less than 5. This is because we feel that such low numbers could make the individuals involved identifiable and therefore may cause undue harm and distress.

To disclose this information would:

- a) Contravene the Data Protection Act principles in that it would amount to unfair and possibly unlawful processing, as there was a legitimate expectation by the third parties that this information would remain confidential, and
- b) Disclosure may cause damage or distress to the individual(s) involved, and that damage or distress would be unwarranted (section 10 of the DPA).

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allison Luxon" followed by a small dash.

Allison Luxon
Deputy Director of Nursing

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If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

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The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Helpline number: 0303 123 111