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Response Due: 27th November 2023

Date: 23rd November 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

Please could you provide the following data for your Trust, broken down by each year for the previous five years:- 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021,2022.

- Total live births
- Total stillbirths
- Term stillbirths (from 37 weeks or more)
- Total neonatal deaths
- The number of midwifery staffing red flags

	Live births	Still births	Term Stillbirths	Neonatal Deaths	Staffing red flags
2018	2627	11	<5	<5	25
2019	2471	11	<5	<5	23
2020	2341	12	<5	<5	0
2021	2491	6	0	<5	29
2022	2546	6	<5	<5	33

Refusal Notice: Sec 40(2) Personal Information

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,



Rabina Tindale
Chief Nurse & DIPC

PLEASE NOTE:

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.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Helpline number: 0303 123 111