



Ref: FOIA Reference 2018/19-334

Date: 10th September 2018

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 30th August 2018 (received into our office 31st August) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding babies born to drug dependent mothers.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 For each year between 2009 and up-to the end of 2017, how many babies born under your Trust were born to drug dependent mothers and once born, were transferred to a drug treatment programme to wean them off their addiction?

Please provide the information in the form of an Excel Document

A1 We are unable to provide the information you require in the requested format as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. *Personal information*. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can band the numbers of Neonatal abstinence syndrome where there was indication that they were 'treated'. Not all babies of drug dependant mothers require any treatment at all and are sent to the ward with their mother

Year	Total born to drug dependent mothers	Treated
2010	Less than 5	Less than 5
2011	11	5
2012	9	3 Less than 5
2013	6	5
2014	8	Less than 5
2015	10	Less than 5
2016	14	6

2017	15	Less than 5
2018	15	Less than 5

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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