



Ref: FOIA Reference 2020/21-382

Date: 29th December 2020

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 3rd December 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Multiple Births and our response to your request reference 218-2021.

You asked: *"We would just like to ask if the data could possibly be broken down by hospital as we believe the data you have provided is for the Trust"*.

On the same day we contacted you via email as under section 8(1) of the FOI Act, requestors are required to provide a full name in order to make a request valid. The Information Commissioner states that a "title and/or first name with surname satisfies the requirement for provision of a real name, as does the use by a female applicant of her maiden name". Therefore, in order to proceed with your request can you please supply us with a valid name?

On 4th December 2020 you replied via email with the following:

"Thank you for responding to our request. Just to confirm this is following on from an original FOI request made by [REDACTED] a colleague, although my name is [REDACTED] and I am following up the data that was provided."

We replied via email asking you to confirm which questions on your original request you were referring to.q12

On 7th December 2020 you replied via email with the questions that you wanted answers for.

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 Please find below further details of our original FOI request, including more explanation for the information we are requesting.

1. Please confirm if current antenatal care for multiple pregnancies (in 2020 and going forward) is delivered in, each unit, by "a core team of named specialist obstetricians, specialist midwives and sonographers, all of whom have experience and knowledge of managing twin and triplet pregnancies" in accordance with NICE guideline NG137.

A1 At UHNM we do not deliver twins at the County site, therefore please refer to our FOI response to yourself reference 218-2021

Q2 Please may I also request the following data for each unit for the year 2017, 2018 and 2019?

- **Number of Multiple Birth Pregnancies (number of women pregnant with either twins, triplets, quads +)**
- **Number of Foetuses from a Multiple Birth (all live born [regardless of gestation] and stillborn infants [after 24 weeks of gestation] resulting from a multiple pregnancy)**
- **Multiple Birth Still Births (number of babies that died between 24 weeks of pregnancy and the due date of birth)**
- **Multiple Birth Pregnancies resulting in an Emergency C-Section (number of women that had Cat1 or Cat2)**
- **Multiple Birth Neonatal Deaths (number of babies that died during the first 28 days of life resulting from a multiple pregnancy)**
- **Multiple Birth Neonatal Admissions (number of babies admitted to NNU for their care resulting from a multiple pregnancy)**

Some of this had been provided in the attached response however we would like to request the data and answers to the questions to be by hospital rather than an overall for the Trust.

- **Specialist multiple pregnancy midwives**
- **Specialist multiple pregnancy sonographers**

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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.

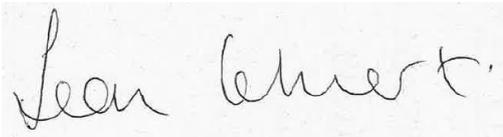
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and 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 671612.

Yours,



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