



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-209

Date: 20th July 2023

Email foi@uhn.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 3rd July 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding data

On 4th July we contacted you via email as in order to continue with your request we require clarification on the specific questions you are referring to?

On the same day you replied via email with:

'Please refer to your response dated 2nd May. (20230502 FOI Response letter Obstetric data Covid final ref 749 2223b.pdf) It was you that stated some data only goes up to March 2022. Your grid supplied reflects this. I am asking that this now be updated to end of 2022 in line with the other data provided. This should be possible now April 2023 has passed thus then of the financial year'

On 5th July 2023 we contacted you via email as we required further clarification on via Calendar year (which is what we previously supplied) OR Financial year?

The original request was worded in such a way as to be 'Calendar year'

Please can you give figures for each of the last 5 years ie 2018-2022

Therefore the Numbers supplied are Jan-Dec

However – your reply

Thank you for your reply of 2nd May 2023. As the financial year has ended I will be grateful for the remaining data which should now be available for year end 2022 / 2023. Linked to FOI ref 749-2223b

On 17th July 2023 you replied via email with:

'I was working from your letter dated 2nd May 2023 Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-749b in which it was stated:

"March 2022 (this is a yearly dashboard so 2022/23 has not yet been released"

I am asking if there is data to end of year 2022 which I am assuming has now been released. I am sorry if I have misunderstood the nature of a 2022 - 2023 year data set but I was assuming this

particular set was run according to a financial year as opposed to calendar. For clarity, it is calendar years that are most helpful to me.'

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 Thank you for your reply of 2nd May 2023. As the financial year has ended I will be grateful for the remaining data which should now be available for year end 2022 / 2023. Linked to FOI ref 749-2223b

A1 See below: 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 as being <5
This exemption is an absolute exemption and therefore no consideration of the public interest test is needed.

Birth (baby) volumes

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	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Antepartum Stillbirth (>=24wks)	35	22	27	18	22
Early Neonatal Death	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Live	6513	6442	6264	6161	6111
Intrapartum Stillbirth (>=24wks)			<5	<5	<5

Based on Registerable deliveries (>=24w) ONLY

(Note: Non-live <24 weeks are not registerable, live deliveries at any gestation ARE registerable)

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Values	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Neonate 0-28 deaths	26	25	29	40	31

Based on Registerable deliveries (>=24w) ONLY. Therefore early babies born 'live' who sadly pass away will be included in these figures

Q 5 pre-term births

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Sum of Unique Birth	635	549	605	594	503

Based on Registerable deliveries (<=36+6w) ONLY

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Act. *Personal information*. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can band the numbers as being <5
This exemption is an absolute exemption and therefore no consideration of the public interest test is needed.

Maternal Death	2020	2021	2022
	<5	<5	<5

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	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
PPH >=1500	127	125	116	169	136

Based on Registerable deliveries (>=24w) ONLY
 All Birth outcomes

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	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
EPOC	219	229	134	166	109

Based on Procedure being in ANY priority position during patient stay.
 This is based on Pre delivery evacuated products (E.g. for terminations / incomplete miscarriages) and is NOT based on post-delivery product removal.
 All Diagnosis reasons.

Q 7d – All attendances for all EPU documented clinics – Careflow data

Location	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
RS- Early Pregnancy Unit, Maternity Centre	318	324	204	596	764

UHNM is NOT in a position to answer:- Section 12 exemption as detailed below

- Total maternal collapses / cardiac – this would be maintained in individual patient notes and may not be coded (dependant on clinical diagnosis)
- Covid 19 vaccination – vaccination status not reliably documented in our Maternity system – therefore unable to accurately provide this data without accessing each individual patient record to confirm their 'status' at the time (of pregnancy / delivery)

I can neither confirm nor deny whether the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested in some of your questions is not held centrally, but may be recorded in health records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all health records within the Trust and extract the information where it is present. We therefore estimate that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: *cost of compliance is excessive*. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete. We estimate that accessing and reviewing all health records and then extracting relevant information would take longer than the 18 hours allowed for.

In addition to the section 12 exemption the Trust is also applying section 14 (1) exemption:
oppressive burden on the authority

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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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