



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-193

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding your request referenced 720-2223, we contacted you 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 asking for clarification, which you supplied 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023, under the FOI Act (section 45) we are required to keep open requests that have been paused for **two months**, this we advised you of when we contacted you for the clarification. **Two months had passed so your request was closed.**

Therefore this is a new request and your reference number is **193-2324** please quote this number on any correspondence.

On 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 we contacted you via email as we required the following clarification: on whether you want stillbirths / <=24 week gestation deliveries to be included? (or just 'Live' outcomes)

On 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023 you replied via email with:  
*'In response to your question, I would like to request that information/data relating to stillbirths / <=24 week gestation deliveries be included.'*

As of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 The total number of serious incident reports made for each hospital and/or maternity unit in your Trust between Jan 2012 - present, broken down per calendar year for each hospital**

A1 See below:

2023 (upto October 2023)	75
2022	157
2021	148
2020	101
2019	111
2018	167
2017	173
2016	142
2015 (from April 2015)	63

**Q2 The total number of serious incident reports made by each hospital and/or maternity unit in your Trust which refer to maternity or peri-natal care between Jan 2012 - present broken down per calendar year for each hospital**

A2 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.*

Serious Incidents recorded under SI Framework categories:

- Maternity/Obstetric incident meeting SI criteria: baby only (this include foetus, neonate and infant)
- Maternity/Obstetric incident meeting SI criteria: mother and baby (this include foetus, neonate and infant)
- Maternity/Obstetric incident meeting SI criteria: mother only

2023 (up to October 2023)	7
2022	14
2021	19
2020	12
2019	11
2018	7
2017	5
2016	<5
2015 (from April 2015)	<5

**Q3 The total numbers of deliveries made by each hospital and/or maternity unit in your trust between Jan 2012 - present broken down per calendar year.**

A3 We only have data from 2013 onwards. UHNM changed maternity systems from 2018. Note we are unable to accurately split Stoke / County via the data we have.  
Count is by Mother Deliveries (NOT baby (birth) Count)  
Excludes non registerable deliveries (Non-Live <24 week gestation)

Values	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Sum of Del	5689	5955	6287	6473	6265	6403	6331	6167	6056	6028

**Q4 For each calendar year that you have the data available please, provide the ratio of clinical midwives to births for each of the hospitals and/or maternity units run by your Trust.**

A4 See below:

Values	2019	2020	2021	2022
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Sum of Deliveries	6331	6167	6056	6028
Midwives (Whole Time Equivalent)	236.97	231.97	240.26	239.21

**Q5 For each calendar year that you have the data available please provide the BirthRate Plus recommended ratio of clinical midwives to births for each of the hospitals and/or maternity units run by you Trust**

A5 See below:

Provider (Trust Name)	Date of latest BirthRate Plus assessment	Clinical Midwifery Whole Time Equivalent Required	Additional Non-Clinical Midwifery Whole Time Equivalent Required	Total BirthRate Plus Whole Time Equivalent
University Hospital of North Midlands	June 2022	271.87 (of which 27.19 can be Band 3, therefore registered Midwives requirement is 257.11)	29.91 (based on BirthRate plus @11%)	301.79

\*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](http://www.ico.org.uk).

Yours,



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