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RE: Freedom of Information Request

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10th October 2023

With reference to your request for information received on 31st May 2023, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A partial response has been provided below, as some of the answers are covered by Section 12, please accept our apologies for the delay.

In your request you asked:

Please provide data for each question for the years 2018 - 2022, broken down by calendar year (i.e. 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022)

1. Please provide the number of term stillbirths (37 weeks or more) at your trust

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
5	3	6	2	4

2. Please provide the review process for each stillbirth recorded, e.g.. X number of PMRTs, X number of SIs, X number referred to the coroner. If relevant, please include the number that led to no review.

20 x PMRT

3. In any reviews done following a stillbirth please list how many times each of the following was a contributing factor, concluded from the investigation.

- Failing to monitor reduced foetal movements
- Wrongly interpreting test results during pregnancy
- Failing to act on test results which highlight a problem
- Failure to treat infections in the mother
- Poor staffing levels
- Failure to notice vital signs of distress

Section 12 – See details below.

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4. Please provide the number of neonatal deaths at your trust

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
5	7	5	0	2

5. Please provide the review process for each neonatal death, e.g. X number of SIIIs, X number referred to the coroner. If relevant, please include the number that led to no review.

19 x PMRT

6. In any reviews following a neonatal death, please list how many times each of the following was a contributing factor, concluded from the investigation.

- a. Failing to monitor reduced foetal movements
- b. Wrongly interpreting test results during pregnancy
- c. Failing to act on test results which highlight a problem
- d. Failure to treat infections in the mother
- e. Poor staffing levels
- f. Failure to notice vital signs of distress
- g. Failing in antenatal care
- h. Insufficient or inaccurate handovers
- i. Failing to recognise need for caesarean

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7. Please provide the number of maternal deaths at your trust

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
0	0	2	0	0

8. Please provide the number of midwifery staffing red flags at your trust

During 2022 419 red flags were recorded on BirthratePlus,

*This data is collated 6 times over a 24hr period, every 4hrs, so a red flag maybe recorded twice or more for the same reason.

**We have been unable to collate the information for the period prior to using BirthratePlus,

Section 12 of the Act allows the Trust to refuse to deal with any requests where we estimate that responding to the request would exceed the cost limit. We have identified that question 3 & 6 will exceed the cost limit. For public authorities the cost limit is £450 (18 hours). If responding to one part of a request would exceed the cost limit, we do not have to provide a response to any other parts of the request. Therefore, the estimated cost of processing your request is £1,950.00. This charge has been calculated in accordance with section 13 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Freedom of Information Fees Regulations.

In order to locate this information, we would need to review individual patient records for the last 5 years. This would be 20 records for the stillbirths and 19 records for the neonatal birth. To gather all the information you require it is estimated that it would take 2hrs per record.

We estimate that the cost of satisfying your request will be £1,950.00 (78 hours x £25 per hour).

Under section 16 of the Act we are obliged to advise you to refine your request to narrow the scope in order to bring it within the appropriate limit. Can we suggest that the timescales for question 8 are reduced, for example, to a calendar month. If the timescales are reduced to a month, the Trust will be able to respond to all of your questions. If you are unable to reduce the scope of the request the Trust will be unable to continue processing your request until the fee is paid. If you wish to proceed with this request the fee will need to be paid within three calendar months. If the fee is not received by this date, I shall take it that you do not wish to pursue this request and will consider the request closed.

Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/>.

Complaints to the Information Commissioner's Office should be sent to FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone 0303 1231113, email casework@ico.org.uk.

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Yours sincerely

Information Governance Team

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