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14th December 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 25th January 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.

Please be advised that part of your request is covered by section 12 but we have provided answers to the questions where information was readily available. Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay.

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 4a, 4b, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7a, 7c, 9a, 9b, 9c and 9d 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 £1425.00. 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 4 years. The trust would need to review 76 patient files. Each patient file would take approximately 45 minutes which accumulates to 57 hours. We estimate that the cost of satisfying this part of your request will be £1425.00 (57 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 these questions are reduced, for example, to a one financial year. 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.

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In your request you asked:

1. How many live births were there at your hospital Trust in the following periods?
(Please exclude home births from this number and detail them separately in brackets.)

1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020	1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021	1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022	1 April 2022 to 31 December 2022
3,271	3,312	3,453	2,670

STILL BIRTHS

- 2a. How many stillbirths were there at your hospital Trust in the same periods?
Stillbirth is defined as occurring when a baby is born dead after 24 completed weeks of pregnancy.

1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020	1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021	1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022	1 April 2022 to 31 December 2022
5	14	8	11

- 2b. Of these stillbirths (in answer 2a) how many were Intrapartum stillbirths?
Intrapartum stillbirth is defined as when a baby was thought to be alive at the start of labour but was born, beyond 37 weeks of gestation, with no signs of life.

1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020	1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021	1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022	1 April 2022 to 31 December 2022
4	8	6	8

*Diagnosis Code Of P95.X (Fetal death of unspecified cause) In Any Position And Patient Age = 0

- 2c. Of the Intrapartum stillbirths (in answer 2b) how many were referred to HSIB?

1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020	1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021	1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022	1 April 2022 to 31 December 2022
0	1	1	2

- 2d. Of the Intrapartum stillbirths referred to HSIB (in answer 2c), how many did HSIB investigate?

1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020	1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021	1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022	1 April 2022 to 31 December 2022
0	1	1	2

NEONATAL DEATHS

- 3a. In the same periods, how many Neonatal deaths were there at your hospital Trust?
Neonatal deaths are defined as a baby that dies within 28 days of birth of any cause or, for the purposes of this process, a baby who dies that has not left hospital since birth.

*If a baby was born at your hospital Trust and was transferred to another hospital and died at another hospital Trust, please exclude them from these numbers and specify the number separately in brackets.

1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020	1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021	1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022	1 April 2022 to 31 December 2022
5	3	1	3

3b. Of these Neonatal deaths (in answer 3a) how many were ‘early Neonatal deaths’?
Early Neonatal deaths are defined as a baby that dies within the first week of life (0-6 days) of any cause.

***If a baby was born at your hospital Trust and was transferred to another hospital and died at another hospital Trust, please exclude them from these numbers and specify the number separately in brackets.**

1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020	1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021	1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022	1 April 2022 to 31 December 2022
5	3	1	3

4a. Of the Neonatal deaths (in answer 3a) at your hospital Trust, in how many cases was the medical cause identified?

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4b. Of the Early Neonatal deaths (in answer 3b) at your hospital Trust, in how many cases was the medical cause identified?

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5a. Of the Neonatal deaths at your hospital Trust, where the medical cause was identified (in answer 4a), how many were referred to the Coroner?

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5b. Of the Early Neonatal deaths at your hospital Trust, where the medical cause was identified (in answer 4b), how many were referred to the Coroner?

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6a. Of the Neonatal deaths at your hospital Trust, in how many cases was the medical cause not identified?

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6b. Of the Early Neonatal deaths at your hospital Trust, in how many cases was the medical cause not identified?

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7a. Of the Neonatal deaths at your hospital Trust, where the medical cause was not identified, how many were referred to the Coroner?

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7b. Of the Early Neonatal deaths at your hospital Trust, where the medical cause was not identified, how many were referred to the Coroner?

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8a. Of the Early Neonatal deaths (in answer 3b) at your hospital Trust, how many were referred to HSIB?

1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020	1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021	1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022	1 April 2022 to 31 December 2022
0	1	0	0

8b. Of the Early Neonatal deaths referred to HSIB (in answer 8a), how many did HSIB investigate?

1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020	1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021	1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022	1 April 2022 to 31 December 2022
0	1	0	0

HYPOXIC ISCHEMIC ENCEPHALOPATHY

9a. Of the Neonatal deaths at your hospital Trust, in how many cases was the cause of death recorded as Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy?

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9b. Of the Neonatal deaths at your hospital Trust, where the cause of death was recorded as Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy, how many were referred to the coroner?

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9c. Of the Neonatal deaths at your hospital Trust, where the cause of death was recorded as Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy (in answer 9a), how many were referred to HSIB?

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9d. Of the Neonatal deaths at your hospital Trust, where the cause of death was recorded as Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy (in answer 9c), how many did HSIB investigate?

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Please provide copies of your hospital Trust's current policies in respect of referring Neonatal deaths to a coroner and to HSIB advise the dates they were last updated.

Please see accompanying document.

MATERNAL DEATHS

10a. How many maternal deaths were there at your hospital Trust in the same periods?

Maternal deaths are defined as the death of a woman while pregnant or within 42 days of the end of the pregnancy from any cause related to or aggravated by the pregnancy or its management, and not from accidental or incidental causes.

Excludes death by suicide.

1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020	1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021	1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022	1 April 2022 to 31 December 2022
0	2	0	0

10b. In how many cases of maternal death was a Neonatal death also recorded?

1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020	1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021	1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022	1 April 2022 to 31 December 2022
0	0	0	0

10c. In how many cases of maternal death where a Neonatal death also recorded, was the death an Early Neonatal death?

1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020	1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021	1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022	1 April 2022 to 31 December 2022
0	0	0	0

11. Of the maternal deaths at your hospital Trust (in answer 10a), how many were referred to HSIB?

1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020	1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021	1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022	1 April 2022 to 31 December 2022
0	2	0	0

I trust this information answers your request. 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: Shirley Higginbotham, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email shirley.higginbotham@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 faithfully

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