

Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-375

Date: 16th November 2021

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 20th October 2021 (received into our office 21st October) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Maternity services.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) 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 can you provide the following statistics for 2020 for the Trust:

	Labour ward (or other obstetrician-led environment)	Birth centre (if the option exists)	Home birth	Born Before Arrival
1) Total number of births (not number of babies born) in 2020				
2) Number of induced births in 2020				
3) Number of instrumental deliveries in 2020				
4) Number of emergency caesarean sections in 2020				
5) Number of planned caesarean sections in 2020				
6) Minor haemorrhages (up to 500ml)				
7) Major haemorrhages (500ml+)				

And please answer the following additional questions for the Trust:

- How many home births transferred into hospital?
- How many midwife-led-unit births transferred into an obstetrician-led environment?
- How many stillbirths were there in total across the Trust?

- How many of the caesarean sections results in a major haemorrhage?

Please also confirm the list of hospitals and units covered by the above.

A1 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. See below;

	Labour ward (or other obstetrician-led environment)	Birth centre (if the option exists)	Home birth	Born Before Arrival
1) Total number of births deliveries (not number of babies born) in 2020	5678	400	31	68
2) Number of induced of births deliveries in 2020	2359	<5	<5	0
3) Number of instrumental deliveries in 2020	508	5	0	0
4) Number of emergency caesarean sections in 2020	1354	<5	<5	0
5) Number of planned caesarean sections in 2020	836	<5	0	0
6) Minor haemorrhages (up to 500ml)	3445	338	20	47
7) Major haemorrhages (500ml+)	2095	56	<5	13

Numbers provided are based on live deliveries assigned to UHNM.

Where twins / multiples are present the 'first' delivery type has been captured

Note: Category 1, 2 & 3 caesarean sections are considered Emergency, category 4 = Elective

1. How many home births transferred into hospital?

- <5

2. How many midwife-led-unit births transferred into an obstetrician-led environment?

- There were 14 transfers from FMBU at County (the intrapartum service was suspended there shortly after covid commenced approx. April 2020)
- The transfers from MBC for that year was 47

3. **How many stillbirths were there in total across the Trust?**
 - 22 Ante / intra partum still births >= 24weeks gestation
4. **How many of the caesarean sections results in a major haemorrhage?**
 - 1332 Deliveries had PPH >= 500ml

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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.

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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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