



Ref: FOIA Reference 2019/20-419

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Date: 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 ( received into our office 17<sup>th</sup> October) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding how many women prisoners from HMP Drake Hall have given birth at the hospital.

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 Over the last two years – 1st April 2017- 31st March 2019 how many women prisoners from HMP Drake Hall have given birth at the hospital?**

A1 We are unable to provide the information you require 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.*

*This exemption is an absolute exemption and therefore no consideration of the public interest test is needed.*

**Q2 What was the gestational age of the babies?**

A2 As answer 1

**Q3 How many babies were stillborn?**

A3 As answer 1

**Q4 How many births involved a 'never' event?**

A4 None

\*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.

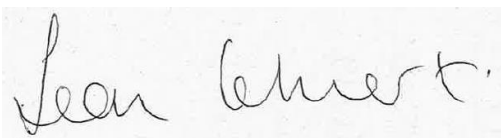
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and 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).

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



Jean Lehnert  
**Information Governance Manager**