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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Maternity.

On 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019 we contacted you via email as we required the following clarification: What you are classing as “term” births? As some areas define this as 38 weeks and others at 40 weeks.( would this include pre-term (early) babies and exclude any born post 40 weeks? Also, what about overdue (40.0+) Are those to be included?)

On 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019 you replied via email the following:  
*“By term I mean from 38 weeks plus, including overdue infants.”*

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 Please provide the number of live term infants born in your maternity unit for each of the following years; 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018**

A1 Please see below: as per your clarification  $\geq 38$  weeks

- 2014 = 4904
- 2015 = 5226
- 2016 = 5302
- 2017 = 4932
- 2018 = 5106

**Q2 Please provide for the same years the total number of term infants that were stillborn, with the intrauterine death occurring either before or during labour**

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. Please see below: as per your clarification  $\geq 38$  weeks

- 2014 = 7
- 2015 = <5

- 2016 = 5
- 2017 = 7
- 2018 = <5

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

**Q3 Please provide for the same years the 5-minute Apgar scor of <6,n (rate per 10,000) for each year for your unit**

A3 Please see below. Please note that information is not held prior to 2018.

- 2014 = not held
- 2015 = not held
- 2016 = not held
- 2017 = not held
- 2018 = 0.0044 as rate per 10,000

**Q4 Please provide for the same years the Hypoxic-Ischaemic Encephalopathy rate (HIE) for moderate/severe (rate per 10,000)**

A4 Please see below: Grade 2 / 3 as rate per 10,000

- 2014 = N/A
- 2015 = 0.0009
- 2016 = 0.0015
- 2017 = 0.0005
- 2018 = 0.0004

**Q5 For the year 2018 alone please detail how many obstetricians and midwives were working for you (Please give separate numbers for both professions).**

A5 Please see below:

Job Role	Area Of Work	Headcount	Full Time Equivalent
Consultant	Obstetrics	10	10.00
	Obstetrics and Gynaecology	7	5.89
<b>Grand Total - Consultants</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>15.89</b>
Midwife	Clinical Governance	2	2.00
	Community Gynaecology	9	7.69
	Health Visiting	162	135.78
	Maternity	80	65.36
	Obstetrics	7	3.60
Midwife - Manager	Maternity	1	1.00
	Obstetrics	1	1.00
	Obstetrics and Gynaecology	2	2.00
Midwife - Specialist Practitioner	Maternity	1	0.60
	Obstetrics	2	1.60
<b>Grand Total - Midwives</b>		<b>267</b>	<b>220.63</b>

- Data is staff in post as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019
- Data excludes Agency and Bank staff

\*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.

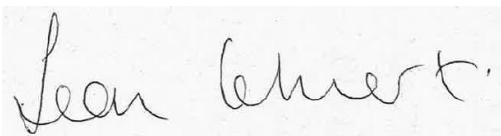
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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



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