



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-427

Date: 29th December 2021

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 26th November 2021 sent to our communications team requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding births.

Please note that ALL FOI requests should be sent to the following email: foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

On 29th November 2021 we contacted you via email as we required the following clarification: Whether you want ALL births, irrespective of outcome, or Just 'Live' births Should births which are not 'registerable' (i.e. non live births occurring before 24 weeks gestational age) be included or Excluded – typically these are 'Excluded'

You replied via email with:

'Thank you for replying to my previous e-mail, the information I am looking for is in reference to from North Midlands NHS Trust, Maternity Centre at Royal Stoke University Hospital, thank you for your assistance.'

We responded by thanking you, but this did not answer our query

You replied via email with:

'Could you include all births? could you specify if they are 'live' or not too? Not just how many'

As of 1st 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 I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from [authority name/department]. Please may you provide me with?

1: Figures on Birth's during this calendar year, 2021

A1 See below: Live & still birth figures Jan – Oct 2021

Row Labels	2021
Live	5102
Stillbirth (>=24wks)	12

Based on UHNM related activity.

Includes Home births, Born before arrival

Excludes non live 'births' of babies <24 weeks gestation as these are classed as miscarriages

Q2 Figures on Birth's during the five years previous to 2021

A2 See below: Please note UHNM Changed maternity system in 2017

Row Labels	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Live	6,702	6,454	6,533	6,438	6262
Stillbirth (>=24wks)	18	27	31	20	22

Based on UHNM related activity.

Includes Home births, Born before arrival

Excludes non live 'births' of babies <24 weeks gestation as these are classed as miscarriages

*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.

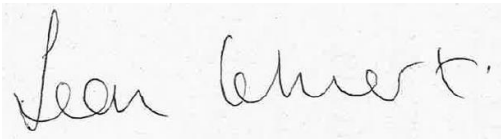
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "Jean Lehnert" in a cursive script.

Jean Lehnert
Data, Security & Protection Manager