



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-333

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Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 20th August 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding miscarried babies

Q1 Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information from your records:

- 1. In the year of 2005/2006, what was the hospital protocol for the storage of miscarried babies/still births in mortuaries? For example, where the babies kept in individually cold cots?**
- 2. If this is too specific, please can you direct me to the protocol for the storage of miscarried babies/still births in mortuaries in the early 2000's.**

A1 See below:

There are no protocols available for that period. The mortuary was situated at the former Royal Infirmary, which is no longer there. Electronic records were not stored for that period. – note retention of records is 10 years

*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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Yours,



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