

Royal Stoke University Hospital

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Data, Security and Protection
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Date: 13th October 2020

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 2nd October 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding maternity statistics

On the same day we contacted you via email to inform you that your previous FOI request (ref 131-2021) had been closed as stated in our email to you 20th July 2020 that we keep paused requests open for 2 months only, and your clarification was received today.

We asked the following clarification:

What you meant by Number of births (not number of babies born)? (Births traditionally indicates babies, and deliveries indicates women giving birth)

In addition you are using the terms 'Births' & 'Deliveries' interchangeably in the FOI questions please refine to one or the other

On 2nd October 2020 you replied via email with:

"Apologies for the delay in replying but I would like to clarify that I am referring to births."

On the same day you contacted us again with a revised clarification:

"Apologies, final clarification - I mean deliveries!"

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 Please could you provide me with the following information for your Trust for the locations where women can give birth (hospital Labour Wards, Midwifery Units and at home - if there are any others please provide details for these too). Please break down all statistics to give the total per location.

1) Number of births (not number of babies born) in 2019

A1 We are unable to provide all of 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. Please see below:

Birth Site	Location Type Place Of Birth	2019
Stoke	Consultant Led Unit	3476
	In Hospital, but Outside Labour Facilities (e.g. A+E)	<5
	Midwifery and Consultant Mixed Unit	2323
	Midwifery Led Unit	399
	None of the Above	<5
	(blank)	6
County	In Hospital, but Outside Labour Facilities (e.g. A+E)	<5
	Midwifery and Consultant Mixed Unit	<5
	Midwifery Led Unit	79
	(blank)	5
BBA		70
Home		18

Blanks may indicate that field wasn't completed) potentially indicating birth at another Trust erroneously entered as UHNM). County is a Midwife led unit

Q2 Number of induced births in 2019

A2 Please see below:

Labour On set	2019
Induced	1778

Q3 Number of instrumental deliveries in 2019

A3 Please see below:

Delivery Group 3	2019
Forceps	397
Ventouse/Vacuum	213

Q4 Number of emergency caesarean sections in 2019

A4 Please see below:

Delivery Group3	2019
Emergency Caesarean	905

Q5 Number of planned caesarean sections in 2019

A5 Please see below:

Delivery Group 3	2019
Elective Caesarean	1140

Q6 Number of post-partum haemorrhages in total (500ml+)

A6 Based on estimated blood loss = Sum of IsPPH>500 (2169)

Q7 Number of post-partum haemorrhages (1500ml+)

A7 Based on estimated blood loss = Sum of IsPPH>1500 (125)

*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,



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