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Date: 2nd May 2023

Email foi@uhn.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 12th April 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Obstetric data/Covid

You emailed:

'Many thanks for your response but the data held on the dashboard to which you refer ends in 2020 thus does not fulfil the request.'

OUR RESPONSE:

The data in the dashboards do go further than 2020, one ends December 2022 (see below) and the other March 2022 (this is a yearly dashboard so 2022/23 has not yet been released). Local figures are here: (which may differ from dashboard values due to NHSE logic etc.)

Birth (baby) volumes

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Row Labels	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Antepartum Stillbirth (>=24wks)	35	22	27	18	11
Early Neonatal Death	4	2	1	3	
Live	6513	6442	6264	6161	2676
Intrapartum Stillbirth (>=24wks)			1	1	1

Based on Registerable deliveries (>=24w) ONLY

(Note: Non-live <24 weeks are not registerable, live deliveries at any gestation ARE registerable)

Q 4

Values	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Neonate 0-28 deaths	26	25	29	40	31

Based on Registerable deliveries (>=24w) ONLY. Therefore early babies born 'live' who sadly pass away will be included in these figures

Q 5 pre term births

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Sum of UniqueBirth	635	549	605	594	238

Based on Registerable deliveries (>=24w) ONLY

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Maternal Death	2020	2021	2022
	1	1	1

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	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
PPH >=1500	127	125	116	169	61

Based on Registerable deliveries (>=24w) ONLY
All Birth outcomes

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	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
EPOC	219	229	134	166	109

Based on Procedure being in ANY priority position during patient stay.
This is based on Pre delivery evacuated products (E.g. for terminations / incomplete miscarriages) and is NOT based on post-delivery product removal.
All Diagnosis reasons.

Q 7d – All attendances for all EPU documented clinics – Careflow data

Location	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
RS- Early Pregnancy Unit, Maternity Centre	318	324	204	596	764

The dashboard does cover the following:

Birth volumes (Live / still / etc) – are easily available on the Monthly statistics

Unfortunately both dashboard and monthly stats do NOT cover the maternal collapses or covid 19 stats – however as a Trust this is not possible for us to report on and we'd need to visit individual records to obtain this information as it isn't captured in a way we can reliably draw analysis from+ section 12 exemption as detailed below:

I can neither confirm nor deny whether the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested in your questions is not held centrally, but may be recorded in health records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all health records within the Trust and extract the information where it is present. We therefore estimate that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: *cost of compliance is excessive*. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete. We estimate that accessing and reviewing all health records and then extracting relevant information would take longer than the 18 hours allowed for. In addition to the section 12 exemption the Trust is also applying section 14 (1) exemption: *oppressive burden on the authority*

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.

Your original response

Q1 Please can you give figures for each of the last 5 years i.e. 2018-2022?

- Total live births
- Total still births
- Total intrapartum still births
- Total neonatal deaths to 28 days
- Total preterm births (<37 weeks)
- Total maternal deaths
- Total maternal collapses / cardiac arrests
- Total postpartum haemorrhage >1.5l
- Evacuation of retained products of conception (ERPCs)
- Attendance numbers for early pregnancy clinics
- Do you record covid-19 vaccination status in your electronic maternity records?

If possible for 2021 & 2022 could you give all of the above data by covid vaccination status (0/1/2/3/4 doses) or state if you do not record vaccination status.

A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding this request, but feel this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the website at the following links:

[Maternity Services dashboard - NHS Digital](https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/nhs-maternity-statistics)
<https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/nhs-maternity-statistics>

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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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