



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-217

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding births

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 can you tell me how many live births, stillbirths and neonatal deaths the Trust has recorded in every year between 2013-2022?**

A1 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 as being <5  
*This exemption is an absolute exemption and therefore no consideration of the public interest test is needed.*

See below:

Stoke & County data – as per documented on Maternity systems

Please note UHNM changed maternity systems 2018 we are not able to split by site

Birth (baby) volume, multiples are counted individually

Row Labels	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Live	5954	6185	6583	6759	6505	6649	6558	6405	6321	6235
Still	22	28	24	21	29	36	23	31	20	26
ENND	**	**	**	**	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5

\*\*Unknown – not recorded on Maternity system

Excludes Non registerable deliveries (<24w non-live gestation)

\*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 671612.

Yours,



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