

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-025

7 February 2024

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

Under the Freedom of Information Act I would like to request the following information,

• Number of births 2022-23

4470

• Number of births 2021-22

4876

• Number of births 2020-21

4669

• Number of births 2019-20

4974

• Number of inductions 2022-23

1193

• Number of inductions 2021-22

1339

• Number of inductions 2020-21

1692

• Number of inductions 2019-20

1847

- **Number of Datix mentioning delays in induction 2022-23**
- **Number of Datix mentioning delays in induction 2021-22**
- **Number of Datix mentioning delays in induction 2020-21**
- **Number of Datix mentioning delays in induction 2019-20**

Please see the number of Datix mentioning delays in induction in calendar years below:

2019 = 21

2020 = 53

2021 = 104

2022 = 51

2023 = 40

- **Number of “maternity red flag events” recorded in which there was a delay of 2 hours or more between admission for induction and beginning of the process in 2022-23**
- **Number of “maternity red flag events” recorded in which there was a delay of 2 hours or more between admission for induction and beginning of the process in 2021-22**
- **Number of “maternity red flag events” recorded in which there was a delay of 2 hours or more between admission for induction and beginning of the process in 2020-21**
- **Number of “maternity red flag events” recorded in which there was a delay of 2 hours or more between admission for induction and beginning of the process in 2019-20**

We cannot provide the information in the format you have requested due to how incidents are reported on our system. The 'red flags' we have relating to midwifery staffing are categorised under:

| Incident | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Delayed time-critical activity | | | | | | |
| Number of Reported Incidents | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | * | 6 |
| Delay of 30 minutes or more between presentation and triage | | | | | | |
| Number of Reported Incidents | 0 | * | 0 | 0 | * | * |
| Any occasion when one midwife is not able to provide continuous one-to-one care and support to a woman during established labour | | | | | | |
| | * | * | * | * | * | * |

Please note: Where the figures are between 1 and 5, this has been denoted by *. Due to the low numbers, we have considered that there is the potential for individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data

Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. The Trust therefore finds that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. This follows NHS Digital (formerly HSCIC) analysis guidance (2014) which states that small numbers within local authorities, wards, postcode districts, providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.

Following the introduction of the new system BadgerNet, this data will be captured within the electronic maternity system and will not rely on clinicians submitting a Datix incident report.

Please note that Trusts set their own red flags so the data cannot be compared to other Trusts.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
Bristol
BS1 3NU

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Publication

Please note that this letter and the information included/attached will be published on our website as part of the Trust's Freedom of Information Publication Log. This is because information disclosed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act is disclosed to the public, not just to the individual making the request. We will remove any personal information (such as your name, email and so on) from any information we make public to protect your personal information.

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team

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