

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 21-078

26 March 2021

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

1a) How many STILLBIRTHS and NEONATAL DEATHS (death aged 0-28 days) have been recorded by your trust in EACH of the last 5 years (including, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020, please can I have the information split by year)?

b) How many of these deaths were formally investigated as a serious incident?

c) How many of these deaths have been found to be potentially avoidable by either internal or external investigations, including inquests?

2a) How many cases of BRAIN INJURIES or other PHYSICAL INJURIES to babies during or after birth, have been recorded by your trust, in each of the last 5 years: (including, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020, please can I have the information split by year where possible)?

b) How many of these were investigated as serious incidents?

c) How many of these have been found to be potentially avoidable by either internal or external investigations?

3a) How many MATERNAL DEATHS and MATERNAL INJURIES during or after birth, have been recorded by your trust, in each year over the last 5 years? (including, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020, please can I have the information split by year where possible)?

b) How many of these were investigated as serious incidents?

c) How many of these might have been possibly avoidable?

The Trust has been trying to find a way to identify the information you require within the time limit allocated for FOIs, as well as providing accurate information.

Please accept our apology for the time it has taken to respond.

Unfortunately, to identify the information you request would take University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust more than 18 hours to complete and is therefore exempt from disclosure under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

If you still require information on the subject, please consider slimming down your request significantly and please send a new one.

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:

Director of Corporate Governance
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
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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

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team

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