

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 22-409

22 August 2022

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 hold some of the information you are requesting

May I request the following from your NHS trust:

Annual stillbirth rates since 2010, finishing with the most recent data (per 100,000 and in real numbers if possible; ie: 55 stillbirths in 2021)

Annual perinatal mortality rates since 2010, finishing with the most recent data (per 100,000 and in real numbers if possible; ie: 55 perinatal deaths in 2021)

Please see the table below:

Year	Stillbirths	Stillbirths per 100,000 births	Perinatal deaths <7 days – inborn	Inborn deaths per 100,000 births	Perinatal deaths <7 days - outborn
2010	Not available	Not available	12	Not available	8
2011	Not available	Not available	11	Not available	7
2012	31	716.1	12	277.2	8
2013	23	401.3	9	157.0	7
2014	23	404.6	7	123.1	*
2015	25	463.8	16	296.8	8
2016	19	339.0	13	231.9	7
2017	16	302.1	7	132.2	*
2018	34	659.7	13	252.2	8
2019	10	193.8	10	193.8	9
2020	16	328.2	*	41.0	10
2021	19	328.6	*	328.6	*

Please note that we do not have electronic data for stillbirths before 2012.

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. (Section 40 is the exemption for personal information).

Does the trust use the GAP protocol?

No.

Finally, please indicate in your response which of the categories below best describes the facilities at your trust:

Level 3 NICU and neonatal surgery

Level 3 NICU

4,000 or more births

3,000 or more births

Less than 2,000 births

We are Level 3 NICU with more than 4,000 births per year.

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
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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

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