

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 22-704

19 December 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 do hold the information you are requesting

1. Please release figures detailing the number of caesarean sections carried out by the Trust between 1st June 2021 and 30th November 2022. Please categorise the data by elective, planned and emergency sections per month, I would like the data in these categories as the actual numbers and as a percentage of the total births that month.

Calendar month	All Births	Caesarean Deliveries	Emergency Caesarean (Cat 1&2)	Planned Caesarean (Cat 3)	Elective Caesarean (Cat 4)	% of Births Any Caesarean	% of Births Emergency Caesarean	% of Births Planned Caesarean	% of Births Elective Caesarean
Jun 21	412	139	57	16	66	33.74	13.83	3.88	16.02
Jul 21	467	177	93	18	66	37.90	19.91	3.85	14.13
Aug 21	434	144	62	16	66	33.18	14.29	3.69	15.21
Sep 21	429	155	77	17	61	36.13	17.95	3.96	14.22
Oct 21	451	170	96	18	56	37.69	21.29	3.99	12.42
Nov 21	436	164	80	17	67	37.61	18.35	3.90	15.37
Dec 21	426	178	81	23	74	41.78	19.01	5.40	17.37
Jan 22	359	135	66	11	58	37.60	18.38	3.06	16.16
Feb 22	373	146	71	12	63	39.14	19.03	3.22	16.89
Mar 22	400	144	70	12	62	36.00	17.50	3.00	15.50
Apr 22	330	113	47	17	49	34.24	14.24	5.15	14.85
May 22	364	141	70	12	59	38.74	19.23	3.30	16.21
Jun 22	374	130	62	14	54	34.76	16.58	3.74	14.44
Jul 22	406	148	76	15	57	36.45	18.72	3.69	14.04
Aug 22	382	145	65	15	65	37.96	17.02	3.93	17.02
Sep 22	421	161	76	13	72	38.24	18.05	3.09	17.10
Oct 22	451	177	83	26	68	39.25	18.40	5.76	15.08
Nov 22	398	157	64	20	73	39.45	16.08	5.03	18.34

Please note: Caesareans are categorised as 1 to 4, with 4 being the electives. Category 1 and 2 are emergencies and Category 1 has to be done in 30 minutes. Category 3 is an emergency but are emergencies where the baby needs to be born early but there is no maternal or fetal compromise.

2. Please release figures detailing the number of still births and neonatal deaths at the

Trust between 1st June 2021 and 30th November 2022 categorised by c-section or vaginal delivery.

Calendar Month	All Stillbirths	Stillbirth via Caesarean Route	Stillbirth via Vaginal Route
Jun-21	*	*	*
Jul-21	*	0	*
Aug-21	0	0	0
Sep-21	*	0	*
Oct-21	*	0	*
Nov-21	*	0	*
Dec-21	*	0	*
Jan-22	*	0	*
Feb-22	*	0	*
Mar-22	*	*	0
Apr-22	*	0	*
May-22	*	0	*
Jun-22	*	0	*
Jul-22	*	*	0
Aug-22	*	0	*
Sep-22	*	0	*
Oct-22	*	*	0
Nov-22	*	0	*

Calendar Month	Neonatal Deaths in Hospital at this Provider	Originally Caesarean birth this Provider	Originally Vaginal birth this Provider	Born Other Provider (Birth Route Unknown)
Jun-21	0	0	0	0
Jul-21	*	0	*	0
Aug-21	*	0	*	0
Sep-21	0	0	0	0
Oct-21	*	*	0	0
Nov-21	6	*	0	*
Dec-21	*	*	*	*
Jan-22	*	*	*	0
Feb-22	*	0	0	*
Mar-22	*	0	*	*
Apr-22	*	0	0	*
May-22	*	*	0	*
Jun-22	*	*	*	*
Jul-22	*	*	0	*
Aug-22	*	*	0	*
Sep-22	*	0	*	0
Oct-22	*	*	0	0
Nov-22	*	0	*	0

Calendar Month	Still Births & Neonatal Deaths	Originally Caesarean birth this Provider	Originally Vaginal birth this Provider	Born Other Provider (Birth Route Unknown)
Jun-21	*	*	*	0
Jul-21	*	0	*	0
Aug-21	*	0	*	0
Sep-21	*	0	*	0
Oct-21	*	*	*	0
Nov-21	10	*	*	*
Dec-21	7	*	*	*
Jan-22	6	*	*	0
Feb-22	*	0	*	*
Mar-22	*	*	*	*
Apr-22	*	0	*	*
May-22	*	*	*	*
Jun-22	6	*	*	*
Jul-22	*	*	0	*
Aug-22	7	*	*	*
Sep-22	*	0	*	0
Oct-22	*	*	0	0
Nov-22	*	0	*	0

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).

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
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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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