

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 24-706**

4 October 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

**For each year from 2021-2023 inclusive [calendar or financial depending on the data is collected], If possible, please break down maternal death statistics by age and ethnicity of mother.**

**If possible, please provide the listed reason / explanation for each maternal death, neonatal death, intrapartum death, and stillbirth.**

**Please provide the number of:**

**1. Maternal deaths, as defined as the death of a woman while pregnant or within 42 days of termination of pregnancy**

Between 2021 and 2023 there were 6 deaths.

We have not provided the information in the requested format as we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified, when considered with other information that may be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of information would breach the Data Protection Act. Therefore please find that Section 40 (2) exemption contained within the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is engaged. Section 40 is the exemption for personal information.

**2. The number of babies being born with confirmed or suspected Hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy.**

**2021: 14**

**2022: 7**

**2023: 13**

**3. The number of stillbirths, intrapartum death, and early neonatal deaths.**

**Please break down the data by year and by category.**

Month / Year	Antenatal Stillbirth (> 24weeks)	Intrapartum Stillbirth (>24 weeks)	Early Neonatal Death - Inborn (0 to 6 days)	Early Neonatal Death - Outborn* (0-6 days)
January 2021	0	0	0	*
February 2021	*	0	*	0
March 2021	0	0	0	0
April 2021	0	0	*	0
May 2021	*	0	*	0
June 2021	*	0	0	0
July 2021	*	0	*	0
August 2021	0	0	*	0
September 2021	0	0	0	0
October 2021	*	0	0	0
November 2021	*	0	*	0
December 2021	*	*	*	0

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January 2022	*	0	*	0
February 2022	0	0	0	0
March 2022	*	0	*	0
April 2022	*	0	0	*
May 2022	0	*	*	*
June 2022	*	0	*	0
July 2022	*	0	0	0
August 2022	*	0	*	0
September 2022	*	0	*	0
October 2022	0	0	*	0
November 2022	*	0	*	0
December 2022	*	0	*	0

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January 2023	*	0	*	0
February 2023	0	0	*	*
March 2023	0	0	0	*
April 2023	0	0	*	0
May 2023	*	*	0	0
June 2023	*	0	0	0
July 2023	0	0	0	0
August 2023	0	0	0	0
September 2023	0	*	*	*
October 2023	*	0	0	0
November 2023	0	0	0	0
December 2023	*	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. 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.

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

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Yours sincerely

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