

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 25-683

8 September 2025

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

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information. Please may you:

1. Please confirm if current antenatal care for multiple birth pregnancies (in 2024/5 and going forward) is delivered by a "a core team of named specialist obstetricians, specialist midwives and sonographers, all of whom have experience and knowledge of managing twin and triplet pregnancies" in accordance with NICE guideline NG137.

Yes

For the above positions, prioritising the multiple birth specialist midwives, please confirm:

Please specify job title

Multiple Births Specialist Midwife

Please confirm WTE for this role

22.5 hours per week 0.6WTE

Please confirm what band this role is within your department

Band 7

How is this role funded?

Agenda for Change

Please confirm who holds the contract and line management? (Email contact if able).

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2. For the role of both the multiple birth specialist midwife and sonographer (if relevant) please provide:

If possible to access, the job description and specification, either in text or document form.

Please see the attached document.

3. The unit level data (from 2023 onwards) requested is for the following categories:

- Number of Multiple Birth Pregnancies (e.g. twins, triplets, quads +)

- Number of Foetuses delivered from a Multiple Birth

- Multiple Birth Still Births (number of babies)

Stillbirth of a baby born as a multiple pregnancy (number of baby's) Neoantal Death of a baby born as a multiple pregnancy (number of baby's)

- Multiple Birth pregnancies resulting in an Emergency C-Sections

- Multiple Birth Neonatal Deaths (number of babies)

- Multiple Birth Neonatal Admissions (number of babies admitted to a neonatal unit for their care)

	2023	2024	2025
Number of Multiple Birth Pregnancies Delivered	59	62	33
Number of Foetuses delivered from a Multiple Birth	120	125	67
Multiple Birth Still Births (number of babies)	*	0	*
Multiple Birth pregnancies resulting in an Emergency C-Sections	29	20	10
Multiple Birth Neonatal Deaths (number of babies)	*	*	*
Multiple Birth Neonatal Admissions (number of babies admitted to a neonatal unit for their care)	10	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
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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

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

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