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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 013449 – Baby deaths

1. Baby deaths

a) How many term stillbirths and perinatal deaths have there been at your trust in each year the past decade (from 2006-2016)? –

Due to the small numbers in each year the Trust has amalgamated the numbers to avoid breaching patient confidentiality.

Information is only available from 2007 onwards

Stillbirths from 2007 to 2016 = 58

(Stillbirth defined as the birth of a deceased baby greater than 37 weeks gestation)

Perinatal deaths from 2007 to 2016 = 85

(Perinatal death defined as the death of a baby that occurred within 28 days after a live birth)

b) How many of those were formally investigated as serious incidents?

39 (figure for both stillbirth and perinatal)

Please note information for question b) is from our Datix incident reporting system and this only became operation in 2011. Incidents were recorded prior to that date but not in a format that the Trust is able to pull a report for the information.

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

A report is not available from our centralised incident reporting tool.

This information is held within the individual person identifiable patient records which are exempt under the FOI Act section 40 personal information

2. Maternal deaths

a) How many maternal deaths have there been in each year over the past decade (from 2006-2016) - None

b) How many of those were formally investigated as serious incidents? - N/A

c) How many have been found to be potentially avoidable by either internal or external investigations, including inquests? - N/A