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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013941 – Stillbirth

Q1) Please provide the name of your Trust(s) and the names of the Hospitals you run – The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust. For more details please go to the Trust website <http://dudleygroup.nhs.uk/about-us/>

Q2) Under the care of your Trust, how many women had a stillbirth from and including 37 weeks in the following years?

- a)2014
- b)2015
- c)2016
- d)2017

Due to low numbers and to avoid harm or distress to the patients possibly being identified if the information is made public the Trust is providing a total figure for the years requested.

Total = 19

Q3) Of those that had a stillbirth in Q2, how many of those women were 40 weeks or more, in the following years?

- a)2014
- b)2015 -
- c)2016 -
- d)2017 -

Due to low numbers and to avoid harm or distress to the patients possibly being identified if the information is made public the Trust is providing a total figure for the years requested.

Total = 11

Q4) Of those women who had had a stillbirth in Q2- How many were sent home from the Trust because they were considered to be in early stages of labour, in the following years?

- a)2014
- b)2015
- c)2016
- d)2017

This information would be recorded in a patient's medical records and medical records are exempt under the FOI Act

Q5) Following each stillbirths noted in Q2, in the following years how many internal investigations into why the baby died were carried out?

- a)2014
- b)2015
- c)2016
- d)2017

All stillbirths have a multi-disciplinary team review. In 2014 and 2015 the Trust was following national advice to carry out an RCA for all stillbirths that occurred over 28 weeks gestation. Revised guidance from NHs England in 2015 advised that this was no longer required and advised that RCA was only needed if a serious incident had occurred

Q6) Following on from Q5, in 2017 only, please list how many times each of these was a contributing factor, concluded from the investigation

- a) poor staffing levels
- b) lack of available beds
- c) lack of experienced Dr or obstetrician
- d) failure to notice vital signs of distress
- e) other - (please specify)

In the reviews from 2017 none of the above were found to be contributing factors

Q7) Do you have a bereavement suite in your Trust? If yes, how many?

No but we are in the process of developing one

8) Do you have Specialist Bereavement Midwife in your Trust? If yes, how many?

None but we have a lead midwife who supports bereavement care on a part time basis

Q9) Does your Trust provide midwives with compulsory bereavement training?

Yes on an annual basis