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NHS Foundation Trust

Trust Headquarters
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Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information:

1. The number of newborns taken into care directly from the maternity wards within your NHS Trust over the past 5 years

    2019
    2020
    2021
    2022
    2023

2. Please state whether records are kept by your Trust, copies of court orders provided by social workers for the removal of each infant.

3. How many live births are recorded for each year.

Response

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Year	Number of Live births
2019	4158
2020	4091
2021	4062
2022	4129
2023	4092

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

Information Commissioners Office
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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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