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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.

For each year from 2021-2023 inclusive [calendar or financial depending on the data is collected], 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*
2. *The number of babies being born with confirmed or suspected Hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy.*
3. *The number of stillbirths, intrapartum death, and early neonatal deaths.*

Please break down the data by year and by category.

	2021	2022	2023
Maternal Deaths	0	0	0
Suspected/ confirmed HIE	6	3	5
Stillbirth	14	11	11
Intrapartum death	0	0	0
Early neonatal death	8	6	12

*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.*

To answer this, Individual patient records would need to be looked at and medical records are exempt under the FOI Act. So, the Trust is withholding this information under Exemption Section 40 (personal information) of the Freedom of Information Act.

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.

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

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team
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