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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 012500 – MATERNITY ADVERSE INCIDENTS

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

1. Please tell me how many adverse events occurred in the maternity department in the financial years a) 2014/15 b) 2013/14

Externally reported incidents

21 - 2014/2015

19 - 2013/2014

2. For each incident in question 1a) and b), please specify the type of incident eg maternal death, unexpected neonatal death, stillbirth, medicines adverse incident, diagnosis etc

The types of incident which occurred between 2013 and 2015 were:

Admission of mother to ITU, Birth injury (trauma), Cord prolapse, early neonatal death, emergency hysterectomy, obs haemorrhage, ruptured uterus, shoulder dystocia, still birth (pre-delivery), unexpected admission to SCBU, unexpected low Apgar score, cord blood Ph < 7.25, fetal blood sample < 7.25

3. Please tell me on how many occasions a woman gave birth in a location other than a hospital bed in the financial years

a) 2013/14 - 39

b) 2014/15 - 28

4. Please specify the locations for 3a) and 3b)

a) Home address (unintended)

b) Home address (unintended) and Other

Further detail is not available from the Trust's electronic reporting system. Further details may be held in individual patient health records, however information from patient health records is not accessible under the Freedom of Information Act. Access to Health Records is accessible via the Data Protection Act and only to persons with the legitimate right of access.

Planned home births are approximately 1% of the total births of 4,800.

5. Please tell me how much the Trust paid out in compensation to patients and families for maternity errors in the financial years

a) 2014/15

b) 2013/14

Compensation payments are paid in staged payments made for the lifetime of the child which would not actually relate to the years in your request