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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013186 – Maternity department

How many Adverse Events* have been recorded in NHS maternity departments in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 to date (can I have this broken down in separate years, in financial or calendar years, however this information is held)?

1 a) please provide as much information as you can on these events.

2. How many Serious Incidents** have there been in NHS maternity departments in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 to date (can I have this broken down in separate years in financial or calendar years, however this information is held)?

2 a) Please provide as much information as you can on these events.

2 b) how many serious incidents specifically involved avoidable or unexpected death for mother or baby during this period?

The Dudley Group have worked hard over the last few years to encourage all our staff to report any incident whether it is a potential incident or a near miss and are pleased that we have a very good reporting culture. This helps us to learn from potential incidents before they have occurred and also any other incidents.

Serious incidents - Maternity - 1.1.13 to 31.12.16

	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
1 - Near Miss	2	1	1	0	4
1 - No Harm	24	17	25	3	69
3 - Moderate	0	3	0	0	3
4 - Major	1	0	1	0	2
Total	27	21	27	1	78

All incidents (including serious incidents) - Maternity - 1.1.13 to 31.12.16

	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
1 - Near Miss	54	128	210	78	470
1 - No Harm	1054	650	536	1040	3280
2 - Minor	182	146	146	64	720
3 - Moderate	0	3	0	0	3
4 - Major	1	0	1	0	2
Total	1291	927	893	1182	4475

Incident – An event or circumstance that did or could have resulted in damage, loss or harm to patients, staff, visitors, a member of the public or the Trust.

Serious Incident (SI) - Serious incidents are events in health care where the potential for learning is so great, or the consequences to patients, families and carers, staff or organisations are so significant, that they warrant using additional resources to mount a comprehensive response. Serious incidents can extend beyond incidents which affect patients directly and include incidents which may indirectly impact patient safety or an organisation's ability to deliver on-going healthcare.

CRITERIA FOR SERIOUS INCIDENTS

Every incident must be considered on a case-by-case basis. Patient outcome alone does not determine if it is a serious incident. Serious incidents are where the Trust, through actions it has taken or omitted to take, have caused the patient harm, or when there is scope for significant learning (lower severity incidents)