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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 014539 – Maternal deaths

1. How many births have taken place each year within Trust Hospitals between 2008 -2018

2008 4596  
2009 4674  
2010 4813  
2011 5251  
2012 4924  
2013 4661  
2014 4418  
2015 4417  
2016 4513  
2017 4471  
2018 4320

2. Does this Hospital trust have on record the number of maternal deaths - between the years 2008-2018  
In the years requested the numbers are low and as per NHS Digital rules the Trust does not publish numbers lower than 5 as this could lead to the identification of the persons involved. Exemption Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act is applied.

3. Is the Hospital trust able to provide with me with further details on the cause of death for each woman  
For example: Women A (name and personal details anonymous for data protection reasons) Cause of death - haemorrhage / Time Frame - immediately after birth / Date - 2010 -  
- Due to the very low numbers to release any information would make this personally identifiable.

4. Is this Hospital Trust able to provide an ethnic breakdown of all of the women who have died - i.e the data for BME mothers and White British mothers - See response to Q3

5. Is this Hospital Trust able to provide a detailed ethnic breakdown of all of the women who have died - i.e highlighting the number of Black African women, Black Caribbean women, British Pakistani women, White British women, British Indian women etc who have died. - See response to Q3

6. Within the same time frame of 2008-2018, how many complaints have been received by the Trust regarding the care and treatment of pregnant women and new mothers (new mother within this context meaning up to one year after the birth) - see response below

7. Within the same time frame, can you provide a breakdown of the complaints by ethnicity - detailing for example - how many Black Caribbean pregnant women and new mothers complained about their care at the Trust. - see response below

Questions 6 & 7 - The Trust can only run a report from 2010 when our incident reporting tool was set up. A search was run solely against complaints received regarding maternity and obstetrics which includes all aspects of care for all patients (pregnant women, mother and babies) from ante natal through to postnatal care and the total figure for complaints received was 224 complaints. It is not possible to narrow the search for complaints received only from female patients (pregnant women and mothers) not to include baby. Please note that pregnant women and mothers may also have received care and treatment from other areas of the hospital but, again, it is not possible to narrow the search for this group of patients for these areas.

The Trust's incident reporting system does not capture ethnicity

8. Within the same time frame of 2008-2018, has the Trust outlined and implemented any specific measures in response to data such as that released by MBRRACE-UK in November 2018 - (This data revealed that Black and Asian women have a higher risk of dying in pregnancy)  
- MBRRACE produce reports with recommendations on a biannual cycle. The Trust reviews recommendations and implements these as required.

9. If you believe contents of any such files are exempt from disclosure, please provide summaries of any such exempt files.

The Trust is not sure what files this question refers to?