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Date: 30.12.25

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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

Request

Please treat this as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
We are requesting the following maternity and neonatal data for the period 1 January to 31 December 2024.

Where definitions differ locally, please use those consistent with MBRRACE-UK, and exclude terminations for medical reasons (TFMR).

Where the Trust provides maternity services at more than one site please ensure that the responses are broken down by site, including whether care was Consultant led, Midwife led and whether delivery was in a Obstetrician led delivery suit, midwife led birth centre, home birth or other.

Births and Deaths

- Total births
- Total stillbirths
- Crude stillbirth rate
- Stabilised stillbirth rate
- Total live births
- Total neonatal deaths
- Crude neonatal death rate
- Stabilised neonatal death rate
- Total perinatal deaths
- Crude perinatal death rate
- Stabilised perinatal death rate

Maternal Deaths

- Total maternal deaths (as defined by MBRRACE-UK)
- Number of maternal deaths investigated through PMRT, PSIRF, or MNSI
- Number of maternal deaths referred to the Coroner
- Number of maternal deaths subject to Coroner investigation or inquest
- Number of maternal deaths where issues with care were identified
- Number of maternal deaths reported to MBRRACE-UK but not investigated by MNSI, with reason(s)

Perinatal Mortality Review Tool (PMRT)

- Number of PMRTs completed for 2024 cases

- Number of PMRTs outstanding for 2024 cases
- Number of PMRTs within each grading (A, B, C, D)
- Whether PMRTs are linked to MBRRAVE case IDs (Yes/No – if No, please explain why)

Maternity and Neonatal Safety Investigations (MNSI)

- Number of deaths *not qualifying* for referral to MNSI
- Number of cases for each reason these deaths did not qualify (e.g. gestation, stillbirth criteria, timing, cause of death, etc.)
- Number of referrals made to MNSI
- Number of cases investigated by MNSI
- Number of MNSI investigations where recommendations were made that may have altered the outcome
- Details or summary of the recommendations made to the Trust by MNSI for these 2024 cases
- Confirmation whether any MNSI-investigated cases were also reported as Serious Incidents under PSIRF, and how overlap is managed

Coroner Referrals (Neonatal and Maternal Deaths)

- Number of neonatal or maternal deaths referred to the Coroner by the hospital
- Number referred by parents/family/others
- Number of cases where the Coroner undertook a full investigation
- Number of inquests opened in 2024
- Number of inquests completed in 2024
- Number of inquests identifying issues with care
- Number of inquests still open related to 2024 cases

Internal Investigations (PSIRF / RCA / Other)

- Number of Root Cause Analysis or PSIRF investigations undertaken relating to 2024 maternity, perinatal, or maternal deaths
- Number completed
- Outcome statistics (e.g. avoidable / potentially avoidable / no issues identified)
- Brief description or title list of any internal maternity or perinatal safety reviews conducted in 2024 not part of PMRT, PSIRF, or MNSI

Governance and Validation

- Identify the primary source system used for each dataset (e.g. BadgerNet, EuroKing, etc.)
- Confirm whether each dataset has been validated or submitted to MBRRAVE-UK, or remains provisional
- Provide the dates of Trust Board meetings in 2024 where maternity mortality data or PMRT findings were discussed

Please supply the information in Excel or CSV format.

If any data are not yet validated, please provide provisional figures and note their status.

If information is only held for part of the year, please provide what is available and specify the period covered.

If this request risks exceeding the statutory cost limit, please prioritise:

1. Births/deaths and maternal deaths
2. PMRT and MNSI data
and advise which remaining sections could be supplied within scope.

Response

Please see attached spreadsheet.

For a copy of the spreadsheet please contact dgft.foi@nhs.net quoting reference FOI-112025-0002023

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
The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust**