

Reference Number: FOI202223/555
From: Commercial
Date: 25 January 2023
Subject: Details of births, neonatal deaths and maternal deaths within the Trust

Q1 Please find attached the FOI request

A1 Please see attach 555 FOI Response

The Trust is unable to respond to all or specific elements of your request where the response would indicate five or less individuals. The Trust is withholding this information under Section 40 (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 to reduce the risk of any individuals being identified. The Trust is of the view that disclosure of such information would significantly increase the risk of individuals being identified and as such would constitute a breach of their personal data.

The Trust has applied exemption Section 40(2) of the FOIA and is therefore withholding the information as disclosure which may identify an individual would breach their rights under the Data Protection Act 2018. The grounds for application of this exemption include:

- Any data relating to patients or staff is third party data, furthermore health data is classified as sensitive personal data within the Data Protection Act 2018. As such, Section 40 (2) of the FOIA applies along with the Trusts duty of confidentiality. Therefore under s.2 (3) (f) (ii) of the FOIA, there is an absolute exemption from disclosure on the grounds that it would contravene the First Data Protection Principle.
- The Trust has a duty under the Data Protection Act 2018 and specifically the First Data Protection Principle to ensure personal data regarding staff and patients is processed fairly and lawfully. Disclosure of such data which may identify an individual, either through the data alone or other data in conjunction with that data which may identify an individual would therefore breach this principle.
- The Data Protection Act 2018 defines sensitive personal data to include data relating to the “physical or mental health or condition” of a person. Any such information about specific individuals falls within this category and disclosure of such data including statistical data, with any potential likelihood of identification would breach the Data Protection Act 2018.

FOI REQUEST

When providing responses to the questions, please break down the figures for each hospital within your Hospital Trust. This may be best achieved by providing separate response For the time period 1 April 2022 to 31 December 2022, if you do not have figures available for the whole period, please provide the most up-to-date figures and state the period they cover.

HOSPITAL TRUST	Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust
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1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020	1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021	1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022	1 April 2022 to 31 December 2022
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LIVE BIRTHS

1. How many live births were there at your hospital Trust in the following periods?

(Please exclude home births from this number and detail them separately in brackets.)

Information not held - Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust is a specialist children's hospital and does not provide Maternity or Labour and Delivery services.

STILL BIRTHS

2a. How many stillbirths were there at your hospital Trust in the same periods?

Stillbirth is defined as occurring when a baby is born dead after 24 completed weeks of

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2b. Of these stillbirths (in answer 2a) how many were Intrapartum stillbirths?

Intrapartum stillbirth is defined as when a baby was thought to be alive at the start of labour but was born, beyond 37 weeks of gestation, with no signs of life.

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2c. Of the Intrapartum stillbirths (in answer 2b) how many were referred to HSIB?

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2d. Of the Intrapartum stillbirths referred to HSIB (in answer 2c), how many did HSIB investigate?

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NEONATAL DEATHS

3a. In the same periods, how many Neonatal deaths were there at your hospital Trust?

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Neonatal deaths are defined as a baby that dies within 28 days of birth of any cause or, for the purposes of this process, a baby who dies that has not left hospital since birth.

If a baby was born at your hospital Trust and was transferred to another hospital and died at another hospital Trust, please exclude them from these numbers and specify the number separately in brackets.

3b. Of these Neonatal deaths (in answer 3a) how many were ‘early Neonatal deaths’?

Early Neonatal deaths are defined as a baby that dies within the first week of life (0-6 days) of any cause.

If a baby was born at your hospital Trust and was transferred to another hospital and died at another hospital Trust, please exclude them from these numbers and specify the number separately in brackets.

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4a. Of the Neonatal deaths (in answer 3a) at your hospital Trust, in how many cases was the medical cause identified?

Information not held – the Trust does not routinely collate or hold this information centrally as part of its management or performance data. In order to confirm diagnosis, cause of death or whether this was referred to the coroner, the Trust would be required to access personal data of the individuals and as such the data is exempt under Section 40: Personal data.

4b. Of the Early Neonatal deaths (in answer 3b) at your hospital Trust, in how many cases was the medical cause identified?

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5a. Of the Neonatal deaths at your hospital Trust, where the medical cause was identified (in answer 4a), how many were referred to the Coroner?

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5b. Of the Early Neonatal deaths at your hospital Trust, where the medical cause was identified (in answer 4b), how many were referred to the Coroner?

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6a. Of the Neonatal deaths at your hospital Trust, in how many cases was the medical cause not identified?

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6b. Of the Early Neonatal deaths at your hospital Trust, in how many cases was the medical cause not identified?

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7a. Of the Neonatal deaths at your hospital Trust, where the medical cause was not identified, how many were referred to the Coroner?

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7b. Of the Early Neonatal deaths at your hospital Trust, where the medical cause was not identified, how many were referred to the Coroner?

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8a. Of the Early Neonatal deaths (in answer 3b) at your hospital Trust, how many were referred to HSIB?

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8b. Of the Early Neonatal deaths referred to HSIB (in answer 8a), how many did HSIB investigate?

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HYPOXIC ISCHEMIC ENCEPHALOPATHY

9a. Of the Neonatal deaths at your hospital Trust, in how many cases was the cause of death recorded as Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy?

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9b. Of the Neonatal deaths at your hospital Trust, where the cause of death was recorded as Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy, how many were referred to the coroner?

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9c. Of the Neonatal deaths at your hospital Trust, where the cause of death was recorded as Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy (in answer 9a), how many were referred to HSIB?

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9d. Of the Neonatal deaths at your hospital Trust, where the cause of death was recorded as Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy (in answer 9c), how many did HSIB investigate?

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Please provide copies of your hospital Trust's current policies in respect of referring Neonatal deaths to a coroner and to HSIB advise the dates they were last updated.

MATERNAL DEATHS

10a. How many maternal deaths were there at your hospital Trust in the same periods?

Maternal deaths are defined as the death of a woman while pregnant or within 42 days of the end of the pregnancy from any cause related to or aggravated by the pregnancy or its management, and not from accidental or incidental causes. Excludes death by suicide.

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10b. In how many cases of maternal death was a Neonatal death also recorded?

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10c. In how many cases of maternal death where a Neonatal death also recorded, was the death an Early Neonatal death?

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11. Of the maternal deaths at your hospital Trust (in answer 10a), how many were referred to HSIB?

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