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Dear

**INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the FOI Act.

You asked

*May you please supply me with the following information:*

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

We are unable to provide data prior to 2011 as we are now using a different maternity system, so access to the number of births for the period 2008 - 2011 is not possible.

2011 - 3149

2012 - 2955

2013 - 3019

2014 - 2916

2015 - 2871

2016 - 2786

2017 - 2821

2018 – 2640

2. *Does this Hospital trust have on record the number of maternal deaths - between the years 2008-2018*

The Trust has had no maternal deaths during the dates specified.

3. *Is the Hospital trust able to provide with me with further details on the cause of death for each woman.*  
N/A

*For example: Women A (name and personal details anonymous for data protection reasons) Cause of death - haemorrhage / Time Frame - immediately after birth / Date - 2010*

4. *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.* N/A

5. *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)*

2008 -17

2009 -17

2010 -13

2011 - 14

2012 - 13

2013 - 9

2014 - 16

2015 - 10

2016 - 18

2017 - 15

2018 - 14

6. *Within the same time frame, can you provide a breakdown of the complaints by ethnicity - detailing for example - how many Black Caribbean pregnant women complained about their care at the Trust.*

2008 - 12 White British - 5 Not Stated

2009 - 13 White British - 3 Not Stated - 1 Other Mixed Race

2010 - 9 White British - 4 Not Stated

2011 - 14 White British

2012 - White British 15 - Not Known - 1

2013 - White British 11 - Not known 1

2014 - White British 17 - Black African 1

2015 - White British 9 - Not Known 1

2016 - White British - 19

2017 - White British 15

2018 - White British 14

7. *Recent studies have highlighted that BME women suffer higher rates of maternal death (for example MBRRACE-UK released a report in November 2018 entitled "Saving Lives, Improving Mothers' Care". The report revealed that Black and Asian women have a significantly higher risk of dying in pregnancy - link here <https://www.npeu.ox.ac.uk/downloads/files/mbrrace-uk/reports/MBRRACE-UK%20Maternal%20Report%202018%20-%20Web%20Version.pdf>). Between the years 2008 -2018, has the Trust outlined and implemented any specific measures in response to such data?*

WWL have an Integrated Health Team who specifically look after the top 2% of all vulnerable patients across the Borough. Any patients identified at booking will be referred to the appropriate team.

8. *If you believe contents of any such files are exempt from disclosure, please provide summaries of any such exempt files. N/A*

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Rob Forster', with a stylized, cursive script.

Rob Forster  
Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Finance & IT

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