

Ref: FOI/2023/ 9416

Date: 6th February 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 22nd November 2023, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. The original Freedom of Information response issued on the 18th December 2023 contained inaccurate information; please accept our apologies and find the correct data below.

In your request you asked:

1.A What are mortality rates amongst mothers between 1 November 2021 to 1 November 2023?

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2.A What are birth injury rates amongst mothers between 1 November 2021 to 1 November 2023?

First degree perineal laceration during delivery = 389 (equates to 7% of deliveries)

Second degree perineal laceration during delivery = 934 (equates to 18% of deliveries)

Third degree perineal laceration during delivery = 89 (equates to 1% of deliveries)

Fourth degree perineal laceration during delivery = 6 (equates to 0.1% of deliveries)

Pelvic floor muscle damage – The Trust does not record this information.

Pelvic organ prolapse (POP) – The Trust does not record this information.

Pelvic fractures (this can include the public bone, coccyx, or sacrum)

Fracture of sacrum - 0

Fracture of coccyx - 0

Fracture of pubis - 0

Caesarean wounds - <5

2.B How much compensation has the trust paid out in birth injury claims in the same period irrespective of when the claim was made?

Maternal and neonatal birth injury settlement within the given time period was £1,567,000.

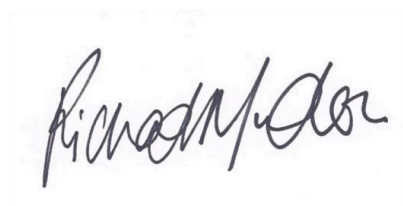
The Trust has a policy of not releasing information when the data involved is less than 5. This is because we feel that such low numbers could make the individuals involved identifiable and therefore may cause undue harm and distress.

To disclose this information would:

- a) Contravene the Data Protection Act principles in that it would amount to unfair and possibly unlawful processing, as there was a legitimate expectation by the third parties that this information would remain confidential, and
- b) Disclosure may cause damage or distress to the individual(s) involved, and that damage or distress would be unwarranted (section 10 of the DPA).

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 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 black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Mundon', is written over a light blue grid background.

Richard Mundon
Director of Strategy and Planning

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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