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Date Received: 10th January 2024

Response Due: 7th February 2024

Date: 25th January 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 10th January 2024, 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. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

Number of births 2022-23	2539
Number of births 2021-22	2550
Number of births 2020-21	2363
Number of births 2019-20	2613

Number of inductions 2022-23	1004
Number of inductions 2021-22	992
Number of inductions 2020-21	1014
Number of inductions 2019-20	933

Number of Datix mentioning delays in induction 2022-23	10
Number of Datix mentioning delays in induction 2021-22	Less than 5
Number of Datix mentioning delays in induction 2020-21	0
Number of Datix mentioning delays in induction 2019-20	0

Prior to the last financial year, we have been reliant on Datix monitoring for Red Flags, and so the below are the same as above. We now use the Birth Rate Plus Acuity Tool to monitor our Red Flags

Number of “maternity red flag events” recorded in which there was a delay of 2 hours or more between admission for induction and beginning of the process in 2022-23 10

Number of “maternity red flag events” recorded in which there was a delay of 2 hours or more between admission for induction and beginning of the process in 2021-22 Less than 5

Number of “maternity red flag events” recorded in which there was a delay of 2 hours or more between admission for induction and beginning of the process in 2020-21 0

Number of “maternity red flag events” recorded in which there was a delay of 2 hours or more between admission for induction and beginning of the process in 2019-20 0

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,



Ehsan Haqqani
Associate Director of Governance & Patient Safety

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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Helpline number: 0303 123 111