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Response Due: 5th August 2024

Date: 29th July 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 8th July 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold part of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

1. The number of newborns taken into care directly from the maternity wards within your NHS Trust over the past 5 years

- 2019
- 2020
- 2021
- 2022
- 2023

The information regarding newborns taken directly into care would be held by the Social Services department under the locality of the birth mother. Therefore, please redirect this question to Wigan Council, who will be able to provide a response based off newborns born to mothers living in the Wigan Borough. Contact details can be found below.

2. Please state whether records are kept by your Trust, copies of court orders provided by social workers for the removal of each infant.

No, court orders are not orders to the Trust therefore are not our documents to keep nor do we ask for them.

3. How many live births are recorded for each year.

2019 = 2,471.

2020 = 2,341.

2021 = 2,490.

2022 = 2,546.

2023 = 2,462.

Wigan Council Freedom of Information

Online - You can submit a FOI request via our [online form](#).

By post - You can make a request by post and send it to: Freedom of Information, Resources Directorate, PO Box 100, WN1 3DS.

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Council/DataProtection-FOI-Stats/Freedom-of-Information.aspx>

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,



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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