

Date 8 June 2017



Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

1. Baby deaths

- a. How many term stillbirths and perinatal deaths have there been at your trust in each year the past decade (from 2006-2016)?

Stillbirths:

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
24	21	26	28	19	32	34	24	25	27	18

Perinatal Deaths:

We are unable to provide figures for perinatal deaths as requested as we do not have a specific category for this on the Trust's incident reporting system. A perinatal death is a death that occurs within 7 days of birth. A neonatal death includes any death that occurs within the neonate age range (under 28 days of age), thus all perinatal deaths are neonatal deaths. The table below shows the total number of 'neonatal deaths' per year but please be aware that because not all neonatal deaths are only perinatal deaths we cannot be sure that the figures provide the specific information you require and the figures below are likely to be higher than the ones you requested.

Neonatal Deaths:

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
-	-	-	**	**	**	**	6	**	19	25

Where the figures are less than 5, this has been denoted by **. Where numbers are low we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. There therefore find that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. Section 40 is the exemption for personal information.

b. How many of those were formally investigated as serious incidents?

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2. Maternal deaths

a. How many maternal deaths have there been in each year over the past decade (from 2006-2016)?

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
0	0	0	0	0	0	**	0	0	0	**

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None

For future reference, information relating to serious incidents within the Trust are published in The Trust's Annual Quality Reports which are available on our website via the following link: <http://www.uhbristol.nhs.uk/about-us/key-publications/>.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Trust Secretary
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
Bristol
BS1 3NU

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

To view the Freedom of Information Act in full please click [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

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