

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: UHB 17-472**

Date 15 August 2017



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

**For the past three financial year (2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17) please can you provide me from the trust's maternity department (or departments if covering more than one acute medical facility):**

- 1) The number of births, number of neonatal deaths and number of Serious untoward incidents within the department.**

	2014	2015	2016
Births	5461	5070	5322
Neonatal Deaths	16	29	33
SUIs	**	**	5

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

- 2) How many investigations were undertaken by the trust into deaths and SUIs in the department?**

2014	2015	2016
**	**	7

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**3) How many delivering mothers or newborn children (within one week of birth) were relayed to another hospital by the department due to complications or the need for specialist treatment?**

We do not hold this information.

**4) For the last financial year only can you please provide me with redacted copies of all investigation reports made by the trust after neonatal deaths and SUIs.**

I can confirm that we do hold this information however we will not be providing it due to the confidential nature of the reports and we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified, when considered with other information that may be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of information would breach the Data Protection Act. Therefore please find that Section 40 (2) exemption contained within the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is engaged. Section 40 is the exemption for personal information.

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

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Yours sincerely,

