

## Freedom of Information Request

**Ref: UHB 17-206**

Date 7 April 2017

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Dear ██████████

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

- 1. For 2016, how many babies were born with drug addiction/ drug dependency. With a breakdown of which drugs they were addicted to.**
- 2. Same for 2015/2014**

The table below refers to the total number of babies born with drug addiction/drug dependency for the requested years. We are unable to provide a breakdown in the requested format due to low numbers and the potential for individuals to be identified, 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

2013/14	19
2014/15	22
2015/16	20

The following list of drugs refers to the types of drugs the babies were born with drug addiction/drug dependency:

- Heroin/Crack Cocaine/Methadone
- Heroin/Crack Cocaine/Buprenorphine
- Heroin/Methadone
- Heroin/Crack Cocaine/Alcohol
- Buprenorphine
- Methadone
- Cocaine
- Cocaine and Alcohol
- Amphetamine
- Heroin/Crack Cocaine/Methadone/Alcohol
- Heroin/Crack Cocaine/Buprenorphine/Alcohol
- Methadone/Crack Cocaine

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  
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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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