

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: UHB 19-711**

27 November 2019

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

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

1. How many pregnant women receiving antenatal care by your trust were rated/considered to have
  - a. a low risk pregnancy (- or whatever the equivalent term is your trust uses to describe an uncomplicated pregnancy)
  - b. a high risk pregnancy ( - or whatever the equivalent term is your trust uses to describe a complicated pregnancy) in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019,

1) a) & b) Total deliveries		
Year	Standard	Intensive
2016	3079	411
2017	2883	394
2018	2851	387
2019	2419	308

- c. and how many of these women were first time mothers-to-be?

1)c) First time mothers				
Year	Standard	Standard %	Intensive	Intensive %
2016	1196	38.8%	112	27.3%
2017	1126	39.1%	98	24.9%
2018	1119	39.2%	100	25.8%
2019	976	40.3%	79	25.6%

Please provide numbers as well as percentages for women in each category.

2. How many women of the women who were considered/rated
  - a. low risk
  - b. high riskwent on to delivery their baby/babies prematurely in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019, and how many of these babies died?

2)a) & b) Premature deliveries				
Year	Standard	Standard - Stillbirths & Neonatal Deaths	Intensive	Intensive - Stillbirths & Neonatal Deaths
2016	127	12	123	Less than 5
2017	116	7	128	9
2018	106	9	114	6
2019	96	Less than 5	96	Less than 5

Please note that where the figures are less than 5, this has been denoted by “Less than 5”. Where numbers are low, we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided. 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, 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.

3. How many of the women considered/rated low risk (or whatever the equivalent term is your trust uses to describe an uncomplicated pregnancy) who were exclusively cared for by midwives and/or sonographers during the antenatal care they received by your trust, without receiving care from specialist obstetrics until they presented in labour, went on to deliver prematurely in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019?
4. How many pregnant women receiving antenatal care by your trust were cared for by midwives and/or sonographers only initially and were subsequently referred to obstetric specialists before they went into labour in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019?

Please note that providing answers to question 3 and 4 would require a manual trawl of patient notes. This would take the Trust more than 18 hours to complete and it is therefore exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information act.

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:

Director of Corporate Governance  
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
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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

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Yours sincerely

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