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Dear

RE: Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 04/05/2023. Please see responses to your requests below.

1. How many babies were born within the area covered by Portsmouth NHS Trust in 2021

There were 5133 babies who birthed at Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust. Please note that there may be other babies from within the Portsmouth area who were born elsewhere.

2. How many babies were born within the area covered by Portsmouth NHS Trust in 2022

There were 4918 babies who birthed at Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust. Please note there may be other babies from within the Portsmouth area who were born elsewhere.

To note:

- There are mothers who live in Portsmouth who may choose to birth in neighbouring Trusts.
- There are mothers from outside of Portsmouth who come to birth either through choice, or in case of transfer for birth due to the accessible neonatal services at Portsmouth Hospitals

3. Do you have a forecast for how many babies will be born within the area covered by Portsmouth NHS Trust during 2023, and if so can you please provide details?

Having considered this question, the Trust has decided that it would not be helpful to you for us to answer your request under the FOIA as it does not qualify as a valid Freedom of Information request as is very difficult to predict how many babies will be born within 2023. The Act covers any recorded information that is held by a public authority. For example, recorded information includes printed documents, computer files, letters, emails, photographs, and sound or video recordings, therefore public authorities can refuse to answer any requests that are asking for statements, predictions or opinions.

Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk or write to the above address and we will

conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information, please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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