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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 31/05/2023. Please accept our apologies for the delay in sharing our response with you.

Please see responses to your requests below.

1. Please provide the number of term stillbirths (37 weeks or more) at your trust

Please see below table.

Years	Number of still births 37 weeks or more
2018	7
2019	7
2020	8
2021	8
2022	<5

We are unable to provide precise figures when these are five or less due to the risk that individuals will be identified, as we are required to protect their identity under the Data Protection Act.

In such circumstances sections 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This states that personal data should be processed fairly and lawfully. It is the fairness aspect of this principle which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure.

2. Please provide the review process for each stillbirth recorded, e.g.. X number of PMRTs, X number of SIIIs, X number referred to the coroner. If relevant, please include the number that led to no review.

The review process for incidents related to term stillbirth, is based on the Serious Incidents Framework 2015; MBRRACE – UK PMRT and local review processes including Duty of Candour (DoC) procedure.

3. In any reviews done following a stillbirth please list how many times each of the following was a contributing factor, concluded from the investigation.

Please note this is data for 2021-2022, please see exemption below.

- a. **Failing to monitor reduced foetal movements 1**
- b. **Wrongly interpreting test results during pregnancy 1**
- c. **Failing to act on test results which highlight a problem 1**
- d. **Failure to treat infections in the mother 0**
- e. **Poor staffing levels 1**
- f. **Failure to notice vital signs of distress 1**

The Trust is not able to readily retrieve this information for the years 2018- 2020 as the records are paper records and therefore to undertake this would require a manual search process which would exceed 18 hours. Therefore, this would exceed the appropriate limit for dealing with a Freedom of Information Request, in terms of costs and therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies.

4. Please provide the number of neonatal deaths at your trust

Please see below table.

Years	Neonatal Deaths
2018	9
2019	<5
2020	<5
2021	<5
2022	<5

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5. Please provide the review process for each neonatal death, e.g. X number of SII's, X number referred to the coroner. If relevant, please include the number that led to no review.

The review process for incidents related to term stillbirth, is based on the Serious Incidents Framework 2015; MBRRACE – UK PMRT and local review processes including DoC procedure.

6. In any reviews following a neonatal death, please list how many times each of the following was a contributing factor, concluded from the investigation.

Please note this is data for 2021-2022, please see exemption below.

- a. **Failing to monitor reduced foetal movements 0**
- b. **Wrongly interpreting test results during pregnancy 0**
- c. **Failing to act on test results which highlight a problem 0**
- d. **Failure to treat infections in the mother 0**
- e. **Poor staffing levels 0**
- f. **Failure to notice vital signs of distress 0**
- g. **Failing in antenatal care 0**
- h. **Insufficient or inaccurate handovers 0**
- i. **Failing to recognise need for caesarean 0**

The Trust is not able to readily retrieve this information in the years 2018- 2020 as the records are paper records and therefore to undertake this would require a manual search process which would exceed 18 hours. Therefore, this would exceed the appropriate limit for dealing

with a Freedom of Information Request, in terms of costs and therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies.

7. Please provide the number of maternal deaths at your trust

Please see below table.

Years	Maternal Deaths
2018	<5
2019	0
2020	<5
2021	<5
2022	0

We are unable to provide precise figures when these are five or less due to the risk that individuals will be identified, as we are required to protect their identity under the Data Protection Act.

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8. Please provide the number of midwifery staffing red flags at your trust

The information provided is based on the Birth Rate+

1. Delay or cancel time critical activity
2. Missed or delayed care
3. Missed medication during an admission to the hospital (including birth centres)
4. Delay in providing pain relief
5. Delay of assessment between presentation and triage
6. Full clinical assessment not carried out when presenting in labour
7. Delay between admission for induction of labour and beginning the process
8. Delayed recognition of action on abnormal vital signs
9. Any occasion when midwifery 1:1 care in labour is omitted
10. Coordinator unable to maintain supernumerary status

We do not currently have this information available however going forward the Trust has introduced the electronic BR+ acuity tool which will enable us to gather this data.

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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