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Dear

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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**1. How many Adverse Events\* have been recorded in NHS maternity departments in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 to date (can I have this broken down in separate years, in financial or calendar years, however this information is held)?**

**1 a) please provide as much information as you can on these events.**

**2. How many Serious Incidents\*\* have there been in NHS maternity departments in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 to date (can I have this broken down in separate years in financial or calendar years, however this information is held)?**

**2 a) Please provide as much information as you can on these events.**

**2 b) how many serious incidents specifically involved avoidable or unexpected death for mother or baby during this period?**

Please find the required data for each calendar year (2016 is to the end of November) below:

**2013**

Total of 510 reported adverse incidents

Infection control - 4

Anaesthetic - 10

Medical device/Equipment - 6

Fall - 7

Medication - 61

VTE/PE - 7

Violence & Aggression/Security - 2

Pathology/Blood -18

Blood transfusion - 46

Health Records/PID - 13

Other - 335

**2014**

Total of 691 reported adverse incidents

Infection control - 5

Anaesthetic - 4  
Medical device/Equipment - 10  
Fall - 7  
Medication - 61  
Tissue damage - 1  
VTE/PE - 7  
Violence & Aggression/Security 2  
Pathology/Blood - 12  
Blood transfusion - 35  
Health records/PID - 17  
Other - 529

### **2015**

Total of 793 reported adverse incidents

Infection control - 3  
Anaesthetic - 2  
Medical device/Equipment - 28  
Fall - 4  
Medication - 90  
Tissue damage - 23  
VTE/PE - 4  
Violence & Aggression/Security - 3  
Pathology/Blood - 22  
Blood transfusion - 18  
Health records/PID - 27  
Staff shortage - 16  
Other - 552

### **2016**

Total of 644  
Infection control - 1  
Anaesthetic - 1  
Medical device/Equipment - 5  
Fall - 6  
Medication - 65  
Tissue damage - 22  
VTE/PE - 6  
Violence & Aggression/Security - 4  
Pathology/Blood - 24  
Blood transfusion - 5  
Health records/PID - 7  
Staff shortage - 16  
Clinical event – other - 287  
Non clinical event – other - 52  
Other - 143

### **Serious Events in Maternity Departments**

**2013** - 0 (Zero)

**2014** – 2

1 x failure to test and treat Streptococcal B in mother resulting in baby delivered with streptococcal meningitis (neither mother nor baby deceased)  
1 x unexpected stillbirth, full investigation could not ascertain definitive cause.

## **2015 – 3**

- 1 x baby fell from mothers bed in anti natal ward, minimal harm to baby.
- 1 x unexpected still birth.
- 1 x Delay in recognising pathological CTG results and diagnosis of abruption resulting in stillbirth.

## **2016 - 3**

- 1 x insulin overdose to mother resulting in no harm
- 1 x failure to recognise suspicious CTG resulting in stillbirth
- 1 x Grade 3 pressure damage to anal cleft of mother during labour.

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Yours sincerely

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