

Title: Breast Milk

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

*I request the below information under the Freedom of Information act.*

- 1. Please provide the number of cases where breast milk of a new mother was given to a child who is not her own at all maternity wards in your Trust.*

*For clarity, I am asking you to please provide the number of instances where a child on a maternity ward was given breast milk from a person who was not their mother. Please provide annual figures for how many times this happened at your Trust for 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and so far in 2023.*

Answer: Please see below.

2017: Nil.

2018: Nil.

2019: Nil.

2020: Nil.

2021: ≤5.

2022: ≤5.

In accordance with Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we are unable to provide figures where the number of patients is less than or equal to five and could risk the identification of those patients and breach Caldicott principles.

In these cases ≤5 is used to indicate that a figure between 1 and 5 is being suppressed.

This follows NHS Digital (formerly HSCIC) analysis guidance (2014) which states that small numbers within local authorities, wards, postcode districts, CCG's providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.

- 2. Please also give the number of times disciplinary action was taken on a member of staff over these instances. Please provide a breakdown of the outcome of any disciplinary action: How many were cautioned, suspended, terminated etc as a direct result of the mistake.*

Answer: Please see below.

2017: Nil.

2018: Nil.

2019: Nil.

2020: Nil.

2021: Nil.

2022: Nil.