

## Obstetric Neonatal Data

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

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

*Dear Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust,*

*I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:*

- 1. The number of neonatal and stillbirth deaths since January 2013 – 2022 broken down by month. If possible, can they please be divided up as stillbirth, early neonatal deaths, late neonatal deaths.*

Answer: Please see the tables below.

\*The Trust has considered your request for information in the date range 2013 - 2017, the Trust does hold this information however to provide you with the information requested would require the manual extraction and manipulation of information from various sources, legacy systems and individual patient records. To carry out this work would exceed the appropriate cost limit as set out in Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is therefore exempt.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 12 (1) and defined in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if it estimates the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit of £450 represents the estimated cost of one person spending two and a half days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting that information.

\*\*Table 2 - The Trust does not differentiate before early or late neonatal deaths in recording these events.

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.

<b>Table 1.</b>												
<b>Still Births</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>
<b>2013</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>2014</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>2015</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>2016</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>2017</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>2018</b>	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	Nil	≤5	Nil
<b>2019</b>	≤5	≤5	Nil	Nil	≤5	Nil	Nil	≤5	≤5	≤5	Nil	≤5
<b>2020</b>	≤5	Nil	≤5	≤5	Nil	Nil	≤5	Nil	≤5	Nil	≤5	≤5
<b>2021</b>	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	Nil	≤5	≤5	Nil
<b>2022</b>	Nil	≤5	Nil	≤5	≤5	≤5	Nil	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5

<b>Table 2.</b>												
<b>Neonatal Deaths**</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>
<b>2013</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>2014</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>2015</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>2016</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>2017</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>2018</b>	≤5	Nil	≤5	Nil	≤5	Nil	≤5	Nil	Nil	≤5	Nil	Nil
<b>2019</b>	≤5	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	≤5	Nil	Nil	≤5
<b>2020</b>	Nil	≤5	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	≤5	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>2021</b>	≤5	Nil	≤5	Nil	Nil	≤5	≤5	Nil	Nil	Nil	≤5	≤5
<b>2022</b>	Nil	Nil	Nil	≤5	Nil	Nil	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	Nil	≤5