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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to babies injured during assisted delivery.

1) Please state the number of babies that were injured during delivery when tools to assist in delivery were used, for example a vacuum extractor or forceps.

Please provide information for each of the following calendar years:

- i) 2014*
- ii) 2015*
- iii) 2016*
- iv) 2017 to date*

2) Of these babies injured, please provide a breakdown of injuries that they suffered. Please provide a summary of each incident, including the cause of the injury.

Please provide information for each of the following calendar years:

- i) 2014*
- ii) 2015*
- iii) 2016*
- iv) 2017 to date*

3) Please state the number of babies injured during delivery due to hospital error.

Please provide information for each of the following calendar years:

- i) 2014*
- ii) 2015*
- iii) 2016*
- iv) 2017 to date*

The Trust does not hold this information electronically. The notes of all assisted delivery births would need to be manually checked and The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the

estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.