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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 born to drug dependant mothers.

You asked:

For each year between 2009 and up-to the end of 2017, how many babies born under your trust were born to drug dependent mothers and once born, were transferred to a drug treatment programme to wean them off their addiction?

Trust response:

Please note: Due to the very small number of cases and in order to protect patient confidentiality the Trust has decided that further information be refused using the limitations available under Section 10 and Section 11 of the Data Protection Act 1998.

For the period 1/10/2015 - 30/09/2018 (available data from the maternity system) we have the following information about women identified at delivery as having used substances during their pregnancy:

	Oct15- Mar16	Apr16- Mar17	Apr17- Mar18	Apr18-Sep 18
Cannabis: Cocaine: Methadone: Heroin	<10	<10	12	<10

Of these babies, we can confirm that there were transfers with mother to a mother and baby unit, transfers to foster care and babies who remained on the Neonatal unit after their mothers were transferred home. We have not been able to review the Neonatal system to confirm the reason for the NNU admission related to substance withdrawal.