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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 neonatal abstinence syndrome.

Q1) How many babies were born with neonatal abstinence syndrome (showing signs of drug addiction because of their mother taking drugs during pregnancy) at hospitals run by your trust in each of the past five financial years?

Q2) Please breakdown the figure from Q1. giving the age of each mother and the substance she was addicted to?

Q3) Please tell me how much it cost to care for these babies as well as the mothers with addictions to illegal drugs in a hospital/other facility your NHS Trust runs in each of the past five financial years?

Q1.

N.B. last five full financial years plus current	
financial year to end of Feb provided	
Discharge month	No. of babies each month
Jul11	2
Jun11	1
Aug11	1
Oct11	1
Grand Total	5
Discharge month	No. of babies each month
Apr12	2
Jun12	2
Jul12	3
Aug12	1
Sep12	1

Oct12	2
Nov12	1
Dec12	1
Jan13	1
Feb13	1
Grand Total	15

Discharge month	No. of babies each month
Apr13	2
Jun13	3
Jul13	1
Sep13	1
Dec13	2
Jan14	1
Mar14	1
Grand Total	11

Discharge month	No. of babies each month
Apr14	1
Jul14	1
Sep14	2
Nov14	3
Dec14	1
Jan15	1
Feb15	3
Mar15	1
Grand Total	13

Discharge month	No. of babies each month
Apr15	2
May15	3
Jun15	2
Jul15	1
Sep15	1
Oct15	1
Nov15	3
Dec15	2
Jan16	1
Grand Total	16

Discharge month	No. of babies each month
May16	2

Jun16	1
Jul16	2
Nov16	1
Jan17	1
Grand Total	7

Q2.

N.B. the following shows a breakdown of the age of the mother but we are unable to advise on the substance she was addicted to.		
Year	MotherAgeAtDeliv	No. babies
11/12	23	2
11/12	30	1
11/12	33	1
11/12	38	1
Grand Total		5

Year	MotherAgeAtDeliv	No. babies
12/13	18	1
12/13	21	1
12/13	23	1
12/13	25	1
12/13	26	1
12/13	28	1
12/13	29	1
12/13	31	2
12/13	34	2
12/13	38	1
12/13	39	1
12/13	40	1
12/13	42	1
Grand Total		15

Year	MotherAgeAtDeliv	No. babies
13/14	21	1
13/14	26	1
13/14	28	2
13/14	30	2
13/14	31	1
13/14	35	1
13/14	37	1
13/14	39	1
13/14	40	1
Grand Total		11

Year	MotherAgeAtDeliv	No. babies
14/15	21	2
14/15	25	2
14/15	26	1
14/15	28	1
14/15	32	1
14/15	33	2
14/15	40	2
14/15	43	1
14/15	47	1
Grand Total		13

Year	MotherAgeAtDeliv	No. babies
15/16	23	1
15/16	24	2
15/16	26	1
15/16	28	1
15/16	29	2
15/16	30	1
15/16	33	1
15/16	35	1
15/16	38	1
15/16	39	1
15/16	40	2
15/16	41	1
15/16	42	1
Grand Total		16

Year	MotherAgeAtDeliv	No. babies
16/17	19	1
16/17	20	1
16/17	21	1
16/17	26	1
16/17	27	1
16/17	30	1
16/17	34	1
Grand Total		7

Q3. Please note this information relates to babies only. In order to calculate the costs of treating the mothers each individual patient record would need to be manually checked to find details of each attendance relating to the addiction. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of 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 this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.

2016/17 to Feb	6023
2015/16	41056
2014/15	35775
2013/14	18197
2012/13	21927
2011/12	1069