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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 bereavement midwives.

You asked:

- 1) Do you operate a maternity unit?*
- 2) How many specialist bereavement midwives do you employ?*
- 3) How many of your specialist bereavement midwives work full-time?*
- 4) Does the bereavement midwife keep in contact with patients when they have left hospital? By 'contact' we mean face-to-face appointments or phone conversations.*
- 5) Is there a 'maximum' time period that the bereavement midwife will keep contact with patients after they have left hospital?*
- 6) How many children died while being cared for at your maternity unit – between January 1st 2017 and December 31st 2017?*

Trust response:

1. Yes
2. One
3. One
4. Yes
5. No 'maximum' time. Each case will depend on a woman's needs. When appropriate the Trust will 'signposted' women onto community support.
6. 9 late neonatal deaths and 3 early neonatal deaths in 2017