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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 Breast milk.

*You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.  
Please provide the number of cases where breast milk of a new mother was given to a child who is not her own at all maternity wards in your Trust.*

*For clarity, I am asking you to please provide the number of instances where a child on a maternity ward was given breast milk from a person who was not their mother.*

*Please provide annual figures for how many times this happened at your Trust for 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and so far in 2023.*

*Please also give the number of times disciplinary action was taken on a member of staff over these instances. Please provide a breakdown of the outcome of any disciplinary action: How many were cautioned, suspended, terminated etc as a direct result of the mistake.*

Trust response:

This situation would have been reported as an incident and the Infant Feeding midwives or Ward managers would have investigated and taken any necessary actions.

We have carried out a search on both the current reporting system and the previous reporting system and have found no incidents recorded.