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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 the maternity department of Tunbridge Wells hospital.

*You asked:*

*I would like to receive the information on security measures in maternity department of Tunbridge Wells hospital.*

- 1. Do you have at least two nurses on duty at all times?*
  - 2. Are there any security cameras in the area where babies are kept?*
  - 3. Is the whole babies' ward visible in those cameras?*
  - 4. What other measures have you implemented since Lucy Letby scandal?*
- I would also like to know the statistics of babies deaths that were born and looked after in your hospital.*
- 5. What are the numbers and how it compares to the national level?*
  - 6. If you can send any details about those deaths that would be much appreciated.*

Trust response:

1. Yes
2. & 3. This information has been withheld and is exempt from disclosure under section 31(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act. The relevant parts of the ICO guidance on the subject (<https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1207/law-enforcement-foi-section-31.pdf>) run as follows:  
31.— (1) Information is exempt if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice - (a) the prevention or detection of crime. It could be used to withhold information that would make anyone, including the public authority itself, more vulnerable to crime for example, by disclosing its own security procedures.
4. Lucy Letby trial is ongoing and has not concluded.

5. There have been no deaths on the Neonatal Unit for 2022.
6. Not applicable.