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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 caesarean births and gangrene infections

*You asked:*

*How many infections has the trust had after caesarean births and how many specifically led to gangrene?*

*I would like to know the statistics for the last 12 months regarding infections, and infections that specifically led to gangrene following c section operations.*

Trust response:

'O86.0 Infection of obstetric surgical wound' is the code for infection. This code is used for all obstetric wound infections including infected caesarean section wound and infected perineal repair wound following delivery.

The Trust has found 86 episodes with a O86 code in the 12-month window described.

We are unable to say if any of these episodes led to gangrene as this is not specifically coded and would require the manual checking of each patient record in order to check this.