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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 Maternal and infant deaths and babies being born with Hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy.

*You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.
 For each year from 2021-2023 inclusive [calendar or financial depending on the data is collected], please provide the number of:*

- 1. Maternal deaths, as defined as the death of a woman while pregnant or within 42 days of termination of pregnancy*
- 2. The number of babies being born with confirmed or suspected Hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy.*
- 3. The number of stillbirths, intrapartum death, and early neonatal deaths. Please break down the data by year and by category.
 If possible, please break down maternal death statistics by age and ethnicity of mother.
 If possible, please provide the listed reason / explanation for each maternal death, neonatal death, intrapartum death, and stillbirth.*

Trust response:

1.

Year	2021	2022	2023
No of Maternal Deaths	-	1	1
Causes of death	-	Metastatic cancer stage 4 cancer	Known cardiac history- cardiac arrest

Because of the very small number of cases and in order to protect patient confidentiality due to the nature of the questions in the request which can lead to further interrogation of other available information that may prove to identify those persons involved, the Trust has decided that further more detailed

information be refused using the limitations available under Section 40(2) of the Act.

2.

Year	2021	2022	2023
No of confirmed or Suspected HIE requiring cooling	8	6	4
No of confirmed or suspected HIE not requiring cooling	7	7	11

3.

Year	2021	2022	2023
Neonatal Death at Trust	6	1	3
Known causes of death	4 Prematurity 1 Brain abnormality PPROM 1 Hydrops and Lymphatic Malformation	Extreme Prematurity	3 Extreme prematurity
Neonatal Death after Transfer	4	7	7
Known causes of death	Severe bleeding died In Ambulance APH	Extreme Prematurity Known Cardiac Abnormalities	1 Spontaneous intestinal perforation 2 Extreme prematurity 1 Early onset IUGR

Stillbirth (including intrapartum)	17 (1 elsewhere, 4 intrapartum)	14	14 (1 elsewhere, 1 intrapartum)
Known causes of death	1 Pulmonary stenosis 1 Dilated right ventricle 10 unexplained 3 placental insufficiency 1 cardiac anomaly 1 infection 1 Multifactorial	2 Acute Placental Malperfusion 2 placental abruptions 1cord abnormality 1 hypoxia 1 placental insufficiency 7 unexplained	1 PET 4 placental Malperfusion 1 multifactorial IUGR infection 3 hypoxia (1 related to maternal haemorrhage) 6 unexplained