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Subject: Pregnancy and homelessness

REQUEST

I'm a reporter with Newsquest's Data Investigations Unit. I'm currently looking into issues around homelessness and pregnancy.

I'm hoping to acquire more information about pregnant women attending obstetrics/maternity/antenatal care appointments within your Trust who declared themselves homeless – whether rough sleeping, in temporary accommodation, with no fixed address or sofa surfing.

I'd like full disclosure of data as outlined below and would appreciate your advice and direction, as specified under the Freedom of Information Act, if you feel there's a way of better refining my request to allow you to retrieve the information I'm interested in.

1. How many pregnant women presenting for initial obstetrics/maternity/antenatal care appointments within your Trust declared themselves as homeless or with no fixed address between 2015 and 2019? Please breakdown by year.
2. How many of those pregnant women still declared themselves as homeless or had no fixed address upon being admitted to a labour ward to give birth?
3. For 1 and 2, if the information is available, please breakdown the numbers of women to specify how many were rough sleepers, how many were in temporary accommodation (please give numbers for hostels, B&Bs, refuges or other), or with no fixed address.
4. Please also provide figures for the outcomes of pregnancies for homeless women, broken down by the number that ended with a live birth, the number that underwent terminations, the number that had miscarriages and the number that were stillborn.
5. Please indicate age groups for the number of pregnant women who declared themselves homeless – whether under 20, 20-30, 30-40 or 40+.

6. How many of those who were pregnant had their child removed from their care at birth?

Please disclose your response in an Excel spreadsheet, with headings, where appropriate, as follows:

'TRUST' - 'YEAR' - 'NUMBER HOMELESS AT INITIAL APPOINTMENT' - 'NUMBER LIVING IN HOSTELS' - 'LIVING IN B&B' - 'ROUGH SLEEPING' - 'LIVING IN REFUGE' - 'WITH NFA' - 'STILL HOMELESS WHEN ADMITTED TO LABOUR WARD FOR DELIVERY' - 'LIVING IN HOSTEL AT TIME OF DELIVERY' - 'B&B AT TIME OF DELIVERY' - 'REFUGE AT TIME OF DELIVERY' - 'NFA AT TIME OF DELIVERY' - 'NO OF LIVE BIRTHS' - 'NO OF TERMINATIONS' - 'NO OF MISCARRIAGES' - 'NO STILLBIRTHS' - 'AGE UNDER 20' - 'AGE 20-30' - 'AGE 30-40' - 'AGE 40+' - 'NO OF BABIES REMOVED FROM MOTHER'S CARE'

RESPONSE

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals Trust does not have to comply with a request if we estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days in answering the remainder of your questions. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.