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## REQUEST

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 related to medical care held at your trust between April 2018 and March 2019.

Could you please provide the following:

- The total number of inductions of labour carried out by Trust personnel under Trust auspices, and also the breakdown of this number by recorded clinical indication for induction of labour (For example, '[number] patients who had pre-eclampsia were induced' and '[number] of patients over the age of 35 were induced' etc.).

If you do not store the information by financial year, please send the above for calendar year 2018 instead.

## RESPONSE

Please see response spreadsheet.

\*Please note - We are unable to provide precise figures when these are five or less due to the risk that individuals will be identified, as we are required to protect their identity under the Data Protection Act. In such circumstances sections 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This states that personal data should be processed fairly and lawfully. It is the fairness aspect of this principle which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure. In such circumstances section 40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure. There is, therefore, no public interest test to apply.