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## REQUEST

1. Please provide the number of live term infants born in your maternity unit for each of the following years; 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
2. Please provide for the same years the total number of term infants that were stillborn, with the intrauterine death occurring either before or during labour
3. Please provide for the same years the 5-minute Apgar score of <6,n (rate per 10,000) for each year for your unit
4. Please provide for the same years the Hypoxic-Ischaemic Encephalopathy rate (HIE) for moderate/severe (rate per 10,000)
5. For the year 2018 alone please detail how many obstetricians and midwives were working for you (Please give separate numbers for both professions).

## RESPONSE

In response to questions 1, 2, 3 & 4:

\*Please see note at end of response regarding low figures in reference to stillborn term babies.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Number live term babies	3534	3569	3689	3786	3788
Number of stillborn term babies	<5	<5	7	8	<5
Rate per 10,000 babies born with apgars <6 at 5 minutes	57.8	54.5	29.9	39	75.8
Rate per 10,000 babies born with moderate/severe HIE	0	36.4	2.7	21.1	10.5

In response to question 5:

Month	Headcount for Midwives by Month
January	166
February	166
March	166
April	167
May	165
June	161
July	160
August	160
September	157
October	159
November	169
December	161

Month	Headcount for Consultants by Month
January	13
February	13
March	13
April	15
May	15
June	15
July	15
August	15
September	15
October	15
November	15
December	15

**\* Please note:** We are unable to provide precise figures when those figures refer to individuals in volumes of 5 or less due to the risk that individuals will be re-identified, as we are required to protect their identity under the General Data Protection Regulations & Data Protection Act 2018.

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 “lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner”. It is the lawful aspect of this principle which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure. In such circumstances section 40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure.