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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 22 March 2019 in relation to the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (Trust). We are dealing with your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested information regarding Maternity services. Specifically you requested information as follows:

Could you please help me find the most recent statistics relating to infant deaths? I am looking for data since 2000 and onwards on the following, in excel format please.

- 1. Infant deaths**
 - a. Total number**
 - b. Stillbirths**
 - c. Neonatal**
 - d. Post neonatal**
 - e. Babies who suffered serious harm during birth**
 - f. Causes of death**
 - g. Breakdown of point's a–f by infant's ethnicity**

Answer: Please see attached spreadsheet with figures for questions 1 & 3 (calendar year January to December format). The infant and maternal deaths information comes from the inpatient total tables, which only hold full year's data back to 2002. The stillbirth data comes from our maternity systems and the Trust only have data back to 2009. Our data for cause of death only goes back to 2011/12, with most of the patients in this request having no cause of death recorded. We have provided the primary diagnosis for each baby for the episode in which they died going back to 2002. The response information for babies who suffered serious harm during birth is provided in the attachment: "Patient safety response information re SUIs". Please note that although it may be contained in the report that mother or babies died it does not necessarily mean that the death was caused by a patient safety incident.

- 2. Serious untoward incidents (SUI) in maternity services**
 - a. Total number**
 - b. How many led to death**
 - c. How many led to a civil action being instigated**
 - d. Breakdown of SUIs by infant's and mother's ethnicity**
 - e. Breakdown of SUI cases that led to death by infant's and mother's ethnicity**

Answer: Please see the attached spreadsheet. Due to changes in the information systems from 2000 we were unable to provide the information required when the incidents were reported to STEIS from 01/04/2013.

- 3. Maternal deaths**
 - a. Total number**
 - b. Breakdown by ethnicity**

Answer: Please see the answer to question 1.

- 4. Staff working in maternity services**
 - a. Total medical staff**
 - b. Total non-medical staff**
 - c. Breakdown by ethnicity**

Answer: Please see list below.

Please note, the last two categories (beginning with Z) relate to:-

Z Not Stated: employees found in ESR who have not stated their Ethnicity

Z Not Recorded: employees not listed in ESR. The prefix Z for the latter is to keep the two categories together.

Row Labels	Headcount			Sum of FTE		
	Medical	Non-Medical	Grand Total	Medical	Non-Medical	Grand Total
A White – British	12	460	472	11.45	365.37	376.82
C White - Any other White background	4	1	5	4	0.96	4.96
CC White Welsh		1	1		0.96	0.96
CP White Polish		1	1		1	1
CY White Other European		1	1		1	1
D Mixed - White & Black Caribbean		1	1		0.6	0.6
G Mixed - Any other mixed background		1	1		0.8	0.8

H Asian or Asian British - Indian	9		9	9		9
J Asian or Asian British - Pakistani	1	1	2	1	1	2
K Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi	1		1	1		1
LE Asian Sri Lankan	1		1	0.5		0.5
LH Asian British		1	1		1	1
M Black or Black British - Caribbean	1		1	1		1
N Black or Black British - African	2		2	2		2
R Chinese		1	1		1	1
S Any Other Ethnic Group		1	1		1	1
Z Not Recorded	36	10	46	25.6	7.3	32.9
Z Not Stated	1	18	19	1	12.85	13.85
Grand Total	68	498	566	56.55	394.84	451.39

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust website.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to:

The Chief Executive
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust
Darlington Memorial Hospital
Hollyhurst Road
Darlington
DL3 6HX

If, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.gov.uk.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer