

FOI - 1722

3rd July 2023

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

1: The number of intrapartum transfers of patients, broken down by hospital, to other hospitals each year since 2019.

2: The number of intrapartum transfers of patients, broken down by hospital, to other hospitals each year since 2019 due to a lack of neonatal cots.

3: The number of neonatal transfers, broken down by hospital, to other hospitals each year since 2019.

4: The number of neonatal transfers, broken down by hospital, to other hospitals each year since 2019 due to a lack of neonatal cots.

5: The number of neonatal transfers to hospitals outside of Northern Ireland, broken down by hospital, due to a lack of neonatal cots each year since 2019.

6: The number of intrapartum transfers of patients to other hospitals outside of Northern Ireland, broken down by hospital, due to a lack of neonatal cots each year since 2019.

Response:

Please see following spreadsheets attached:

Spreadsheet 1 – Number of Inpatient Discharges for Maternity Specialty who Transferred to Another Hospital

Spreadsheet 2 – Number of Inpatient Discharges for Neo Natal & Special Care Babies Transferred to Another Hospital.

The Trust has a legal duty to protect patient confidentiality and, in line with this duty, the figure <5 has been provided where figures are very low. This is because of the potential risk of identification of an individual. In reaching this decision the Trust has taken into account the small geographical area which the Trust serves and the sensitivity of the

information requested. In addition the Trust has taken into account the fact that all information disclosed in response to an FOI is disclosed to the 'world at large' and is published on the Trust website.

S 40 (2) (third party information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied to exempt the redacted information from disclosure. The Trust does not consider the disclosure of the redacted information to be fair to the individuals concerned as there is the potential risk of identification of an individual(s) which they would not expect, and which would therefore breach the fairness element of the first principle of the Data Protection Act 2018

The reason for transfer is not recorded on the Trust's Patient Administration System.

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