

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 22-621	7 th February 2023
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We are writing to request data on stillbirths, neonatal deaths and maternal deaths under the FOI Act from all Hospital Trusts.

The questions are detailed on the word document. The same information appears on the excel spreadsheet. We would prefer answers to be submitted on the excel spreadsheet.

Please find attached the excel spreadsheet completed as requested.

For the time period 1 April 2022 to 31 December 2022, if you do not have figures available for the whole period, please provide the most up-to-date figures and state the period they cover.

HOSPITAL TRUST

Aneurin Bevan University Hospital

LIVE BIRTHS

1. How many live births were there at your hospital Trust in the following periods?

(Please exclude home births from this number and detail them separately in brackets.)

	1 April 2020 to		
	1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020	31 March 2021	1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022
	1 April 2022 to 31 December 2022		
	5669	5245	5464
			4012

STILL BIRTHS

2a. How many stillbirths were there at your hospital Trust in the same periods?

Stillbirth is defined as occurring when a baby is born dead after 24 completed weeks of pregnancy.

27	16	27	18
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2b. Of these stillbirths (in answer 2a) how many were Intrapartum stillbirths?

1	0	0	0
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Intrapartum stillbirth is defined as when a baby was thought to be alive at the start of labour but was born, beyond 37 weeks of gestation, with no signs of life.

The number of cases for each of the years is so small that we are unable to provide this information

NEONATAL DEATHS

3a. In the same periods, how many Neonatal deaths were there at your hospital Trust?

Neonatal deaths are defined as a baby that dies within 28 days of birth of any cause or, for the purposes of this process, a baby who dies that has not left hospital since birth.

If a baby was born at your hospital Trust and was transferred to another hospital and died at another hospital Trust, please exclude them from these numbers and specify the number separately in brackets.

13	11	11	9
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3b. Of these Neonatal deaths (in answer 3a) how many were 'early Neonatal deaths'?

Early Neonatal deaths are defined as a baby that dies within the first week of life (0-6 days) of any cause.

If a baby was born at your hospital Trust and was transferred to another hospital and died at another hospital Trust, please exclude them from these numbers and specify the number separately in brackets.

5	6	1	6
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4a. Of the Neonatal deaths at your hospital Trust, in how many cases was the medical cause identified?

13	11	11	9
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4b. Of the Early Neonatal deaths at your hospital Trust, in how many cases was the medical cause identified?

5	6	1	6
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4c. Of the Neonatal deaths at your hospital Trust, where the medical cause was identified, how many were referred to the Coroner?

0	0	0	1
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4d. Of the Early Neonatal deaths at your hospital Trust, where the medical cause was identified, how many were referred to the Coroner?

0	0	0	1
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5a. Of the Neonatal deaths at your hospital Trust, in how many cases was the medical cause not identified?

0	0	0	0
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5b. Of the Early Neonatal deaths at your hospital Trust, in how many cases was the medical cause not identified?

0	0	0	0
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5c. Of the Early Neonatal deaths at your hospital Trust, where the medical cause was not identified, how many were referred to the Coroner?

0	0	0	0
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5d. Of the Neonatal deaths at your hospital Trust, where the medical cause was not identified, how many were referred to the Coroner?

0	0	0	0
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HYPOXIC ISCHEMIC ENCEPHALOPATHY

6a. Of the Neonatal deaths at your hospital Trust, in how many cases was the cause of death recorded as Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy?

2	3	1	0
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6b. Of the Neonatal deaths at your hospital Trust, where the cause of death was recorded as Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy, how many were referred to the coroner?

0	1	0	0
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Please provide a copy of your hospital Trust's current policy in respect of referring Neonatal deaths to a coroner and advise the date it was last updated.

The Health Board does not have a policy

MATERNAL DEATHS

7a. How many maternal deaths were there at your hospital Trust in the same periods?

1	2	0	1
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Maternal deaths are defined as the death of a woman while pregnant or within 42 days of the end of the pregnancy from any cause related to or aggravated by the pregnancy or its management, and not from accidental or incidental causes. Excludes death by suicide.

7b. In how many cases of maternal death was a Neonatal death also recorded?

0	0	0	0
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7c. In how many cases of maternal death where a Neonatal death also recorded, was the death an Early Neonatal death?

0	0	0	0
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