

Our Ref: 190/2023
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Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing to request, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the following:

1. Please provide data on the number of incidents of maternal and neonatal sepsis reported in your maternity unit in the last five years?

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Maternal and neonatal sepsis incidents						

To give a clear representation of numbers to your request we feel that further clarification of the specific definition of SEPTIC is needed. Our data is stored in a way in which the numbers generated from our system are not reflecting a true identification of numbers of 'SEPTIC' neonates in the last five years, and appears numbers were higher than what we would define as 'Septic'. For example our data will identify a baby as 'SEPTIC' from a positive gram neg contaminant whilst taking blood cultures, however the baby is well and CRP <5. Without further clarification we can not answer this request at present.