

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please provide the following information for each of the last three financial years (2021/22, 2022/23, and 2023/24, or the most recent three years available). For each year requested, please provide the number of maternity bookings (or births) for the Trust, so disclosure rates can be calculated (e.g. per 1,000 bookings).

- **The total number of disclosures of domestic abuse made to midwives within your Trust.**
 - Please confirm the number of disclosures made in pregnancy.

Unable to provide the data in the last 3 financial years, however, data captured from calendar year January to December

2022 – 134
2023 – 81
2024 - 163

- **The total number of disclosures of domestic abuse made to other staff within maternity services.**
 - Please confirm the number of disclosures made in pregnancy, and how many post-birth.

The Trust does not hold this information in a reportable format.

While disclosures of domestic abuse may be recorded within individual patient records or safeguarding documentation, this information is not captured in a centrally coded or reportable dataset specific to maternity services, nor is it routinely categorised by timing (i.e. during pregnancy or post-birth).

To provide this information would require a manual review of individual patient records and safeguarding documentation, which would involve significant clinical input and exceed the appropriate cost limit set out under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

- **If known, of the total disclosures recorded, how many resulted in an escalation or referral, for example, to:**
 - Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs)
 - other domestic abuse specialist support services
 - mental health services
 - children's social care
 - MARAC or equivalent multi-agency processes
 - police
 - other specialist support services

2022 – Information not held
2023 - 66

2024 - 139

- If possible, please provide a breakdown of the disclosures by any of the following demographic categories:

2022 Information not held

2023 Information not held

2024

age group of the person making the disclosure

13-17 = #, 18-24 = 47, 25-34 = 79, 35-44 = 34, 45-54 = #

ethnicity of the person making the disclosure

White British = 141, White other = 9, Asian Pakistani = #, Black African = #, Asian other = #, Asian Indian = #, Black other = #, Black Caribbean = #, Any other = #

gender of the person making the disclosure

All female

disability of the person making the disclosure

82 Mental health, # physical disability

immigration status of the person making the disclosure

6x ordinary resident, #x Visa, # permanent residency, # not documented

Where figures are fewer than five, they have been replaced with “#”.

This is because the disclosure of very small numbers, particularly when combined with other information provided (such as year, service area or site), may risk the identification of individuals. The Trust has therefore applied small number suppression in accordance with Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (Personal Data).

Section 40(2) exempts information from disclosure where it constitutes personal data and where disclosure would be unfair or unlawful under the UK General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018.

Replacing small numbers with “#” helps ensure that individuals cannot be identified from the information provided.

This dataset is intended to be compared to the NHS England Maternity Services Dashboard to ensure reporting is relative and comparative to demographics served by individual Trusts. Individual Trusts may be named in any published analysis.

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If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Requests for an internal review should be submitted within 40 working days from the date of this response and should be addressed to d.wraith@nhs.net.

If you remain dissatisfied after the internal review, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO can be contacted at:

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Tel: 0303 123 1113
Website: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>

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