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Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Freedom of Information Act Request

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

We are requesting the following maternity and neonatal data for the period 1 January to 31 December 2025.

Where definitions differ locally, please use those consistent with MBRRACE-UK, and exclude terminations for medical reasons (TFMR).

Where the Trust provides maternity services at more than one site please ensure that the responses are broken down by site, including whether care was Consultant led, Midwife led and whether delivery was in an Obstetrician led delivery suit, midwife led birth centre, home birth or other.

The Trust has complied with the prioritised sections requested;
however, the remaining sections would require extensive manual review of individual investigation, governance, coroner and patient safety records;
exceeding 18 hours.

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.

Births and Deaths

- Total births Trust = 4294. Doncaster = 2880. Bassetlaw = 1414.
- Total stillbirths Trust = 12. Doncaster = 10. Bassetlaw = #.
- Crude stillbirth rate MBRRACE trust crude data for 2025 not yet published
- Stabilised stillbirth rate MBRRACE trust crude data for 2025 not yet published
- Total live births Trust = 4283. Doncaster = 2871. Bassetlaw = 1412.
- Total neonatal deaths Trust = 6. Doncaster = 6. Bassetlaw = 0.
- Crude neonatal death rate MBRRACE trust crude data for 2025 not yet published

- Stabilised neonatal death rate MBRRACE trust crude data for 2025 not yet published
- Total perinatal deaths Trust = #. Doncaster = #. Bassetlaw = 0.
- Crude perinatal death rate MBRRACE trust crude data for 2025 not yet published
- Stabilised perinatal death rate MBRRACE trust crude data for 2025 not yet published

Maternal Deaths

- Total maternal deaths (as defined by MBRRACE-UK) – 0 maternal deaths in 2025
- Number of maternal deaths investigated through PMRT, PSIRF, or MNSI – 0 maternal deaths in 2025
- Number of maternal deaths referred to the Coroner 0 maternal deaths in 2025
- Number of maternal deaths subject to Coroner investigation or inquest 0 maternal deaths in 2025
- Number of maternal deaths where issues with care were identified - 0 maternal deaths in 2025
- Number of maternal deaths reported to MBRRACE-UK but not investigated by MNSI, with reason(s) 0 maternal deaths in 2025

Perinatal Mortality Review Tool (PMRT)

- Number of PMRTs completed for 2025 cases – Trust 26.
  The Trust has not provided a site-level breakdown of this figure.Disclosure of site-specific figures would result in one or more values being less than five. The Trust considers that releasing such low numbers, when combined with other information already in the public domain, would increase the risk of identifying individual patients and/or families.Accordingly, the site-level breakdown has been withheld under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Section 40(2) exempts information where disclosure would constitute the release of personal data and would be contrary to the data protection principles set out in the UK General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018.The Trust has therefore provided the information at Trust level only.

- Number of PMRTs outstanding for 2025 cases - 0
- Number of PMRTs within each grading (A, B, C, D)

Graded A = 13
Graded B = 20
Graded C = 7
Graded D = #

- Whether PMRTs are linked to MBRRACE case IDs (Yes/No – if No, please explain why) Yes

Maternity and Neonatal Safety Investigations (MNSI)

- Number of deaths *not qualifying* for referral to MNSI = 20
- Number of cases for each reason these deaths did not qualify (e.g. gestation, stillbirth criteria, timing, cause of death, etc.) All cases reported to MBBRACE in 2025 as per the numbers above did not meet the criteria for referral to MNSI
  8 age/gestation at time of neonatal death
  12 antenatal stillbirths diagnosed
- Number of referrals made to MNSI = #
- Number of cases investigated by MNSI = #
- Number of MNSI investigations where recommendations were made that may have altered the outcome #
- Details or summary of the recommendations made to the Trust by MNSI for these 2025 cases Final report not yet received for 1 case. The other case had no safety recommendations or prompts.
  Confirmation whether any MNSI-investigated cases were also reported as Serious Incidents under PSIRF, and how overlap is managed – MNSI cases are reported on Datix as MNSI-PSII and follows the MNSI process. On receiving the terms of reference and Final report these are discussed at the Trust panel for oversight, as our PSII reports would be

Coroner Referrals (Neonatal and Maternal Deaths) - none

- Number of neonatal or maternal deaths referred to the Coroner by the hospital
- Number referred by parents/family/others
- Number of cases where the Coroner undertook a full investigation
- Number of inquests opened in 2025
- Number of inquests completed in 2025
- Number of inquests identifying issues with care
- Number of inquests still open related to 2025 cases

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Internal Investigations (PSIRF / RCA / Other)

- Number of Root Cause Analysis or PSIRF investigations undertaken relating to 2025 maternity, perinatal, or maternal deaths
- Number completed
- Outcome statistics (e.g. avoidable / potentially avoidable / no issues identified)
- Brief description or title list of any internal maternity or perinatal safety reviews conducted in 2025 not part of PMRT, PSIRF, or MNSI

The Trust is unable to provide this information under **Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000**.

The information requested is not held within a single centrally reportable dataset. To identify investigations relating specifically to maternity, perinatal or maternal deaths, determine their status, categorise outcomes and identify any additional internal reviews undertaken outside of PMRT, PSIRF or MNSI processes would require a manual review of individual investigation records, governance documentation and case files.

The Trust does not maintain a searchable record containing the specific classifications and outcome categories requested. In order to provide a response, the Trust would be required to locate, retrieve and examine a substantial number of records held across multiple systems and governance processes to establish whether each investigation fell within scope and to extract the requested information.

The Trust estimates that the time required to undertake this exercise would exceed the appropriate limit set out in Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The appropriate limit for NHS organisations is £450, representing 18 hours of staff time calculated at the statutory rate of £25 per hour.

Accordingly, the Trust is refusing this part of the request under Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Governance and Validation

- Identify the primary source system used for each dataset (e.g. BadgerNet, EuroKing, etc.) MBRRACE and K2 local dashboard
- Confirm whether each dataset has been validated or submitted to MBRRACE-UK, or remains provisional All data validated through MBRRACE or local Governance processes
- Provide the dates of Trust Board meetings in 2025 where maternity mortality data or PMRT findings were discussed

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July 2025
May 2025
March 2025
January 2025

Please supply the information in Excel or CSV format.
If any data are not yet validated, please provide provisional figures and note their status.
If information is only held for part of the year, please provide what is available and specify the period covered.
If this request risks exceeding the statutory cost limit, please prioritise:

1. Births/deaths and maternal deaths
2. PMRT and MNSI data
   and advise which remaining sections could be supplied within scope.

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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