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You asked

Q1) How many babies were born with neonatal abstinence syndrome (showing signs of drug addiction because of their mother taking drugs during pregnancy) at hospitals run by your trust in each of the past five financial years?

Financial Year	Number of neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) at PHNT
2011-12	14
2012-13	16
2013-14	13
2014-15	11
2015-16	36

Q2) Please breakdown the figure from Q1. giving the age of each mother and the substance she was addicted to?

Financial Year	Mothers Age	Number of Mothers	Financial Year	Mothers Age	Number of Mothers
2011-12	21	Five or fewer	2014-15	23	Five or fewer
2011-12	22	Five or fewer	2014-15	25	Five or fewer
2011-12	23	Five or fewer	2014-15	27	Five or fewer
2011-12	26	Five or fewer	2014-15	31	Five or fewer
2011-12	27	Five or	2014-15	34	Five or

		fewer			fewer
2011-12	28	Five or fewer	2014-15	36	Five or fewer
2011-12	30	Five or fewer	2014-15	39	Five or fewer
2011-12	31	Five or fewer	2014-15	46	Five or fewer
2011-12	34	Five or fewer	2015-16	18	Five or fewer
2011-12	35	Five or fewer	2015-16	19	Five or fewer
2011-12	36	Five or fewer	2015-16	22	Five or fewer
2011-12	42	Five or fewer	2015-16	23	Five or fewer
2012-13	18	Five or fewer	2015-16	24	Five or fewer
2012-13	22	Five or fewer	2015-16	25	Five or fewer
2012-13	24	Five or fewer	2015-16	26	Five or fewer
2012-13	26	Five or fewer	2015-16	27	Five or fewer
2012-13	28	Five or fewer	2015-16	28	Five or fewer
2012-13	29	Five or fewer	2015-16	29	Five or fewer
2012-13	31	Five or fewer	2015-16	30	Five or fewer
2012-13	32	Five or fewer	2015-16	31	Five or fewer
2012-13	35	Five or	2015-16	33	Five or

		fewer			fewer
2012-13	39	Five or fewer	2015-16	34	Five or fewer
2013-14	23	Five or fewer	2015-16	35	Five or fewer
2013-14	25	Five or fewer	2015-16	36	Five or fewer
2013-14	26	Five or fewer	2015-16	37	Five or fewer
2013-14	31	Five or fewer	2015-16	38	Five or fewer
2013-14	32	Five or fewer	2015-16	39	Five or fewer
2013-14	33	Five or fewer	2015-16	40	Five or fewer
2013-14	34	Five or fewer	2015-16	47	Five or fewer
2013-14	37	Five or fewer	2015-16	52	Five or fewer
2013-14	39	Five or fewer			

See legal notes below regarding our use of five or fewer statements.

The Trust cannot provide substance of addiction details because the patient's declared substance use is only recorded within each patient's records. As such, the Trust could not locate, extract and collate the information requested within the limitations of the Act (18 hours). We therefore consider it exempt from supply in accordance with section 12(2) of the Act – Request exceeds the appropriate limit by virtue of section 13.-(1)(a) – The Cost of Compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.

Q3) Please tell me how much it cost to care for these babies as well as the mothers with addictions to illegal drugs in a hospital/other facility your NHS Trust runs in each of the past five financial years?

The costs cannot be provided because the Trust is unable to identify the substance involved and is thus unable to differentiate between legal and Illegal drugs within the limitations of the Act.

Legal notes

Personal information

Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust is confirming in accordance with section 1 (a) of the Act that it holds the information requested and is supplying it in accordance with section 1(b) unless otherwise specified.

Please find the answers to your questions noting that we have redacted the data set where numbers are five or fewer. This avoids a breach of the first two Data Protection Act principles. This is in accordance with section 40.-(2)(a) and (b) by virtue of section 40.-(3)(a)(i), the personal information exemption as described in the Freedom of Information Act. A detailed rationale is provided in the attached document L3.

The appropriate limit

Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust is confirming in accordance with section 1 (a) of the Act that it does not hold the information requested in any collated format. Individual records of how someone was treated and their conditions would be held in clinical records, but the Trust could not locate, extract and collate such information as requested within the limitations of the Act. It is therefore considered exempt from supply in accordance with section 12(1) of the Act – Request exceeds the appropriate limit by virtue of section 13.-(1)(a) – The Cost of Compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.

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