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You asked

1. The number of stillbirths at the hospital since 2007 to present, broken down by year and month

Please find the yearly figures.

The Trust cannot provide the monthly information requested. This is because the level of detail requested would result in the Trust breaching the Data Protection principles for the family members of those deceased. The numbers are so low it would be biographically identifiable in most instances. This refusal 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.

Additionally, we take the view that the information held is exempt from disclosure in accordance with section 41(1)(a) and (b) of the 2000 Act – information provided in confidence. The reason why the Trust takes this view is that it believes that the information we hold was provided in confidence and would not be expected to be released to a third party without appropriate consents. That duty of confidence applies to deceased persons and their family members.

In compliance with section 16 of the Act and trying to ensure the balance between both the Freedom of Information Act and Data Protection Act we explored providing quarterly figures, but on examination the numbers are still too low in most quarters.

The whole statement above also applies to neonatal deaths for question 2.

Year	Number of recorded stillbirths
2007	21
2008	24
2009	19
2010	27
2011	33

2012	37
2013	18
2014	34
2015	16
2016	21

2. The number of neonatal deaths at the hospital since January 2007 to present, broken down by year and month

Please see response to Q1 in relation to monthly figures.

Year	Number of Neonatal Deaths
2007	15
2008	17
2009	16
2010	17
2011	26
2012	18
2013	32
2014	16
2015	20
2016	18

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