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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – BIRTH OUTCOMES

I write in response to your request for information in relation to birth outcomes.

Question:

- How many stillbirth, neonatal, extended perinatal, post-neonatal and infant deaths occurred per 1,000 total births in your health board area in each of the last four full financial years.
- If possible please then breakdown these figures, again for each of the last four full financial years, by each category (stillbirth, neonatal, extended perinatal, post-neonatal and infant deaths).
- How many stillbirth, neonatal, extended perinatal, post-neonatal and infant deaths occurred per 1,000 total births in the maternity units/wards run by your health board in each of the last four full financial years.
- In the response please can you state the name of the maternity unit/ward, the year and its mortality rate encompassing all of the above categories of death.

Answer:

Based on the categories we hold within TRAK -

Year	Stillbirth Rate per 1000	Neonatal Death Rate per 1000
2021/22	2.86	2.29
2022/23	2.58	2.45
2023/24	3.08	1.73
2024/25	4.45	1.86
These are deaths linked to Birth Outcome Data only.		

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply

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within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

FOI responses (subject to redaction of personal information) may appear on NHS Lothian's Freedom of Information website at: <https://org.nhsllothian.scot/FOI/Pages/default.aspx>

Yours sincerely

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