

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – NEONATAL DEATH

I write in response to your request for information in relation to neonatal death.

Question:

- Can you release stillbirth and neonatal death numbers by hospital/unit and year (last 10 years), including cause categories where recorded.
- For a defined recent period (e.g. 5 years):
 - Stillbirth and neonatal death rates broken down by SIMD quintile and ethnicity.

Answer:

Outcome		Stillbirth	
Count of UHPI Number	Hospital @ Birth		
year	Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh	St John's Hospital at Howden	(blank)
2016	22	5<	5<
2017	28	5<	5<
2018	29	6	
2019	20	6	
2020	22	8	
2021	21	5<	
2022	20	5<	
2023	20	5<	
2024	19	9	5<
2025	25	8	
Total	226	58	5<

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Outcome Neonatal Deaths			
Count of UHPI Number	Hospital @ Birth		
year	Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh	St John's Hospital at Howden	(blank)
2016	10		
2017	11	5<	
2018	24	5<	
2019	20	5<	5<
2020	13	5<	5<
2021	15		5<
2022	18	5<	5<
2023	16	5<	
2024	10	5<	
2025	10	5<	
Total	147	19	6

- Stillbirth and neonatal death rates broken down by SIMD quintile and ethnicity.

Outcome		Stillbirth				
Count of UHPI Number	year					
Ethnicity	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
African, African Scottish or African British	5<		5<	5<	5<	
Any mixed or multiple ethnic group	5<				5<	
Any other ethnic group		5<				
Any other White Ethnic group			5<			
Arab			5<			
Bangladeshi, Bangladeshi Scottish or Bangladeshi British				5<	5<	
Chinese, Chinese Scottish or Chinese British	5<					
E Europe exc Poland (eg Balkans, Russia)	5<	5<			5<	
Far East Asia (eg Japan, Korea)				5<		
Indian, Indian Scottish or Indian British			5<	5<		
Other African						5<
Other Asian				5<	5<	
Pakistani, Pakistani Scottish or Pakistani British	5<	5<	5<	5<	5<	
Refused / Not given by patient			5<	5<		
S Europe (eg Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Spain, Turkey)		5<	5<			5<
South East Asia (eg Malaysia, Thailand,						5<

Philippines)					
Unknown	5<	5<		5<	5<
W Europe (eg France, Germany, Netherlands)	5<		5<		
White British	5<	7	5<	5<	5<
White English		5<			
White Gypsy/Traveller					5<
White Irish				5<	
White Northern Irish				5<	
White Polish	5<		5<	5<	
White Scottish	12	11	7	12	17
Total	25	25	24	29	33

Outcome		Stillbirth					
Count of UHPI Number	SIMD						
year	1	2	3	4	5	#N/A	
2021	5<	8	5<	5<	5<	5<	5<
2022	5<	7	5<	5<	5<	5<	5<
2023	6	6	5<	6	5<		
2024	6	9	5<	7	5<	5<	5<
2025	5<	10	7	5<	6	5<	5<
Total	24	40	23	26	14	9	

Outcome		Neonatal Deaths				
Count of UHPI Number	year					
Ethnicity	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
African, African Scottish or African British	5<	5<		5<	5<	
Any mixed or multiple ethnic group	5<					
Any other ethnic group				5<	5<	
Bangladeshi, Bangladeshi Scottish or Bangladeshi British			5<			
Chinese, Chinese Scottish or Chinese British		5<	5<			
E Europe exc Poland (eg Balkans, Russia)			5<		5<	
Indian, Indian Scottish or Indian British	5<	5<		5<	5<	
N Europe (eg Denmark, Norway, Sweden)	5<					
Other Black					5<	
Pakistani, Pakistani Scottish or Pakistani British		5<			5<	
S Europe (eg Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Spain,			5<			



Turkey)					
South East Asia (eg Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines)			5<	5<	
Unknown	5<	5<	5<		5<
White British	5<	5<	5<	5<	
White English	5<				
White Northern Irish				5<	
White Polish			5<		
White Scottish	8	9	6	6	5<
Total	18	20	18	12	14

Outcome		Neonatal Deaths				
Count of UHPI Number	SIMD					
year	1	2	3	4	5	#N/A
2021	5<	5<	5<	6	5<	
2022	5<	6	5<	6	5<	5<
2023	5<	5<	5<	5<	5<	5<
2024	5<	5<	5<	5<	5<	
2025	5<	5<	5<	5<	5<	5<
Total	13	18	13	19	14	5<

To protect the identity of the individuals involved any figure of 5 or less has not been shown in the table above. Since we do not have their consent to release this data from their records, the information is exempt under section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act i.e. to provide it would breach the Data Protection Act (2018).

Question:

- Any internal analyses of inequalities in outcomes, and action plans to address them.
- Any local board-level copies of HIS inspection self-assessments for maternity “safe delivery of care” inspections, if not already published.

Answer:

We do not hold any information to answer this part of your request. HIS inspections would be available from them.

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 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.

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Yours sincerely

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