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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – MATERNITY FIGURES

I write in response to your request for information in relation to maternity figures.

Question:
1. I would like data on the number of recorded stillbirths and neonatal deaths at the Simpsons Maternity Unit between 1/8/2012 and the 31/12/2012. I would like the dates of these recorded stillbirths or neonatal deaths.

Answer:
Between 1 August and 31 December 2012, there were 12 stillbirths and 7 neonatal deaths among babies born at the Simpson Centre for Reproductive Health. The figures are based on date of birth. Individual dates have not been supplied because of the small numbers involved.

Question:
2. I would like data on the number of stillbirths at the Simpsons Maternity unit from 1/8/2012-1/8/2013.

Answer:
Between 1 August 2012 and 1 August 2013, there were 27 stillbirths among babies born at the centre.

Question:
3. I would like data on the number of near misses (datix) recorded, or reported concerns around competency of staff on the unit during the period 1/8/2012 - 31/12/2012.

Answer:
NHS Lothian was not using Datix as an electronic incident recording system during the period, so information on near misses or concerns about staff competency between 1 August and 31 December 2012 cannot be provided.

As per Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 formally I must advise that we do not hold this information.

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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