

Freedom of Information Request - 3986

Q1) Please provide the name of your Trust(s) and the names of the Hospitals you run

James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Q2) Under the care of your Trust, how many women had a stillbirth from and including 37 weeks in the following years?

a)2014 - 4

b)2015 - 2

c)2016 - 0

d)2017 - 2

Q3) Of those that had a stillbirth in Q2, how many of those women were 40 weeks or more, in the following years?

a)2014 - 0

b)2015 - 0

c)2016 - 1

d)2017 - 1

Q4) Of those women who had had a stillbirth in Q2- How many were sent home from the Trust because they were considered to be in early stages of labour, in the following years?

a)2014

b)2015

c)2016

d)2017

We can confirm that we do hold information falling within the description specified in Q4 of your request. However, we have estimated that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit as set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

The limit set down by the regulations for public authorities is £450, which amounts to a maximum of 18 hours of search and retrieval time charged at £25 per hour, the hourly rate also specified in the regulations.

We consider that it would take in excess of 18 hours to retrieve and extract the information as this would mean checking through individual documents for the information requested. Subsequently, it would cost more than £450, the limit specified in the regulations, to provide the information.

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 we are therefore not obliged to provide the information that you have asked for unless the fee is paid and we will not be processing Q4 of your request further unless we hear from you within 3 months.

Q5) Following each stillbirths noted in Q2, in the following years how many internal investigations into why the baby died were carried out?

a)2014

b)2015

c)2016

d)2017

We conduct Root Cause Analysis investigations for all stillbirths above 24 weeks

Q6) Following on from Q5, in 2017 only, please list how many times each of these was a contributing factor, concluded from the investigation

a) poor staffing levels 0

b) lack of available beds 0

c) lack of experienced Dr or obstetrician 0

d) failure to notice vital signs of distress 1

e) other - (please specify) 0

Q7) Do you have a bereavement suite in your Trust? If yes, how many?

Yes, 1

Q8) Do you have Specialist Bereavement Midwife in your Trust? If yes, how many?

Yes, 1

Q9) Does your Trust provide midwives with compulsory bereavement training?

Yes