

You asked:

1. The number of maternal mortality rates in Wales from 01/01/2015 to the most recent data available?
2. The name of the hospital and local authority (including county and district). Please include the latitude and longitude of locations.
3. The age of the mothers at the time of death
4. Race and ethnicity of the mothers
5. If possible: the underlying cause of death.

Our response:

I can confirm that the Health Board does hold this information for their area. However, to release the specific information in the way that you have requested would mean disclosure of low numbers.

Where numbers are low we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain.

In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing **in regard to** Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

However, in order to fulfil our obligation under Section 16 of the Act to provide advice and assistance, I can confirm that there have been less than 5 maternal mortalities during the time period requested.

For information relating to all Wales you will need contact the individual Health Boards directly. To aid and assist you with your request please see relevant contact details provided below:

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