

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_154_21

You asked:

Thank you for your reply, to make sure it is under the £450 cost limit:

1. Please select a number of notes at random for the past 12 months. Please explain how you chose the notes at random.

Please tell me if the baby was term (over 37 weeks) or premature
And if the cord -clamping time was:

1. At 60 seconds or more
2. Less than 60 seconds
3. Or not recorded

Please do this for the maximum number of patients under the allowed cost implication.

Our response:

Thank you for your refined request. As stated in our initial response (Ref: CTMUHB_127_21) the information you require is not recorded centrally. Section 12 was applied to your initial request for this data as a 'manual trawl' through patient records would be necessary as the information is not held in an easily accessible form, electronically or collated in the usual course of business.

We note that in your refined request you have asked the Health Board to select a number of notes at random for the past 12 months for the maximum number of patients, under the allowed cost implication. Whilst the timeframe has been refined, the number of notes that we would be able to locate, retrieve and review under the appropriate costs/time limit set under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) may not be enough to provide a fair reflection of our practices.

We estimate that for a staff member to carry out a specific exercise to locate, retrieve and review a labour patients notes would take approximately 15 minutes per record. To keep the information at the appropriate costs/time limit (£450/18hours) would only allow us to locate, retrieve and review approximately 72 records:

- 72 records x 15 minutes = 18 hours
- £25 per hour x 18 hours = £450.

4584 live births occurred in the Health Board in 2020 and to provide you with the requested data for a random 72 of these live births, does not accurately reflect or would be representative of our practice and would not be in the spirit of FOIA.

Therefore in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 of the Act.