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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_77_25

Clarification requested and provided 21/02

In relation to Q1

- do you mean Health Board residents or babies who may have died in one of our maternity units?
- Fatalities during childbirth suggest you want figures for intrapartum stillbirth (baby died during labour). Is this correct?
- do you require this data for all our maternity units or just Royal Glamorgan Hospital (as specified in Q3)?
- Babies died in maternity units.
- All instances where the newborn died during or as a result of events involved with the childbirth.
- Yes, just Royal Glamorgan for all queries, please.

In relation to Q3

With regards to the Royal Glamorgan Hospital - Do you mean 2014 – 2019 while it was an obstetric unit and then 2019 – 2024 as a Free-Standing Midwifery Unit (FMU)?

- Yes, that is correct.

You asked:

1. How many infant fatalities occurred in your health board area during childbirth in every calendar year from 2014 to 2024, displayed in a table.

The below crosstab report lists how many incidents were recorded as either neonatal deaths or still births for Royal Glamorgan Hospital Labour Ward and Tirion birth centre. This is how many incidents were reported and how we record these incidents.

	Neonatal death or Still birth / Fetal loss > 24 weeks
2014	6
2015	**
2016	9
2017	12
2018	**
2019	**

After 2019, no Neonatal Deaths or still births have been recorded for Royal Glamorgan Hospital, from this time the unit became a midwifery led unit.

Please note:

- Incidents may not be in relation to the care provided.

- Where the figures are less than 5, this has been denoted by **. The exact figures have been withheld due to the low numbers involved.

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. Also, responses under the Freedom of Information Act are made available to the public at large. The data is classed as personal data as defined under 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.

2. How many avoidable complications that led to life-altering physical issues occurred in your health board to newborn infants during or immediately after childbirth in every calendar year from 2014 to 2024, displayed as a table.

We do not hold this information. However, you may wish to contact [NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership](#) (NWSSP) whom provide our Legal and Risk Services and may hold the details that you require.

Their contact details are provided in the following link if required - [Freedom of information - NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership](#)

3. How much has been paid out in compensation as a result of care received from the maternity unit at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital in every calendar year from 2014 to 2024, displayed as a table.

The below table relates to Maternity claims settled for Royal Glamorgan Hospital. Please note – the year the claim was settled does not reflect the year that the actual event/incident took place:

Year Claim Settled	Amount of damages paid
2014	£ 206,000.00
2015	Nil
2016	£ 515,000.00
2017	£ 8,000.00
2018	£ 30,000.00
2019	£ 14,166,734.00
2020	£ 3,797,060.00
2021	£ 1,650,000.00
2022	£ 8,175,765.00
2023	£ 90,000.00
2024	£ 66,000.00