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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_499_25

You asked:

Q1 Infant Mortality (expressed per 1,000 births) for each of the years 2011 - 2025 (year to date) inclusive (further split by months)

Details below show information for neonatal mortality (per 1000 births) per year. No reliable data held pre 2013. Please note the Bridgend locality was not included in the CTMUHB boundary until 2019.

Criteria for information on neonatal mortality in the table overleaf has been taken from MBRRACE Perinatal Mortality Review Tool (PMRT) inclusion criteria:

- **Early neonatal deaths** – death of a live born baby (born at 20 weeks+0 days gestation of pregnancy or later or 400g where an accurate estimate of gestation is not available) occurring before 7 completed days after birth.
- **Late neonatal deaths** – death of a live born baby (born at 20 weeks+0 days gestation of pregnancy or later or 400g where an accurate estimate of gestation is not available) occurring between 7 and 28 completed days after birth

Year	Neonatal Mortality Rate Per 1000 Live Births
2011	No data held
2012	No data held
2013	1.00
2014	1.74
2015	2.13
2016	0.76
2017	1.59
2018	1.39
2019	1.81
2020	0.44
2021	0.99
2022	1.91
2023	1.47
2024	0.23
2025 1 st Jan-31 st	0.33

Please note, if the request for the FOI is specifically for infant mortality- defined by the Office of National Statistics (ONS) as all deaths under 1 year of age- this information will not be held by CTMUHB Maternity Services.

Q2 Maternal Mortality (expressed per 100,000 maternities) for each of the years 2011 - 2025 (year to date) inclusive (further split by months)

We can confirm that the Health Board does hold this information. 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, we can confirm the number is less than 10.

Q3 Exact dates when the Maternity Unit at POW was closed and re-opened in 2024 to facilitate 'essential' refurbishment and upgrades.

The Maternity Unit at POW closed on the 30th August 2024. Maternity Services resumed on the 17th February 2025.

Q4 How many expectant mothers, who were initially intending to give birth at POW, had to give birth elsewhere during the closure?

Of the women living within CTMUHB boundaries who were identified as intending to birth at POW:

- 72 subsequently birthed at Swansea Bay University Health Board
- 86 at Cardiff and Vale University Health Board

Within CTMUHB, 504 birthed at our Prince Charles Hospital site and 37 at the Tirion Birth Centre.

Q5 How many expectant mothers that were initially identified as initially receiving maternity pathway support from CTM before the closure, gave birth within and outside CTM during the closure period.

This is not possible to quantify. A number of women who would have chosen birth at POW live outside CTMUHB boundaries (e.g., in SBUHB and CAVUHB). These women do not appear in our data collection systems (MITS) until after they have birthed with us, so we do not hold this information.

Q6 What were the infant and expectant mother mortality rates for these patients during this closure (expressed in units quoted above) irrespective of their place of birth in CTM or elsewhere.

There were no cases of maternal or infant mortality attributed to the closure of the Princess of Wales Hospital between September 2024 and February 2025.