

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/22/253

Complaints

- 1. How many complaints did you receive between 1st January 2019 and 30th May 2021 from women regarding personal injuries they sustained from giving birth?**

In completing a search for the information requested, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) has confirmed that this information is not centrally recorded or collated. To retrieve the information requested would require a manual search through individual records and the UHB considers that this would exceed the limit set within regulations for responding to a request. The UHB has therefore relied upon the Section 12 exemption ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is refusing your request.

The UHB has estimated that to complete the work needed to respond to this request would exceed the time limit as set within regulations to respond to a Freedom of Information Act request. Under the Act there is an allowance of two and a half days, or 18 hours, to comply with a request and the cost limit set within the fees' regulations for this amount of work (18 hours) is £450 for the UHB. The fees regulations specify that the cost of complying with a request must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour.

Under Section 16, the duty to provide advice and assistance Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) can advise that 647 complaints were logged with the Obstetrics & Gynaecology Directorate within the timeframe specified.

- 2. How many women died either in labour or within 48 hours of giving birth between 1st January 2019 and 30th May 2021?**

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- 3. How many claims for compensation were settled between 1st January 2019 and 30th May 2021 for injuries sustained by women giving birth or during pregnancy?**

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- 4. Of those women who complained or sought compensation about injuries they sustained giving birth, how many experienced Post Natal Depression?**

In completing a search for the information requested, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) has confirmed that this information is not centrally recorded or collated. To retrieve the information requested would require a manual search through individual patient records and the UHB considers that this would exceed the limit set within regulations for responding to a request. The UHB has therefore relied upon the Section 12 exemption ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is refusing your request.

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5. How many claims for compensation were settled between 1st January 2019 and 30th May 2021 for babies injured due to negligent antenatal, perinatal or postnatal care?

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6. Do you have a policy or target to restrict the number of caesarean sections performed?

No