

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/23/558

Birth Data

Information Requested:

Under the Freedom of Information Act please could you provide the following data for your Board, broken down by each year for the previous five years:- 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022.

- Total live births
- Total stillbirths
- Term stillbirths (from 37 weeks or more)
- Total neonatal deaths
- The number of midwifery staffing red flags

Response Details:

Please see the below table. Please be aware that some of these stillbirths will include foetal medicine babies, out-of-area women and palliative care babies.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Livebirths	5,566	5,291	5,336	5,426	5,174
Preterm Stillbirths (<37 weeks)	15	16	11	19	17
Term Stillbirths (=>37 weeks)	3	6	5	6	13
All Stillbirths	18	22	16	25	30

Through Datix incident reports, the following figures have been provided to indicate staffing red flags.

Year	Number of staffing red flag incidents
2018	151
2019	229
2020	130
2021	277
2022	111

Total neonatal deaths:

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.

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.