

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/23/497**

**Preterm Births**

- 1. For the year 2022/23, please provide information showing the number of preterm births that were:**

This information only includes babies registered to births under Cardiff and Vale University Health Board services and does not include any transfers into NICU of babies born in other areas from 01/04/2022—31/03/2023.

- i. Extremely preterm (before 28 weeks); and**

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- ii. Very preterm (between 28 and 32 weeks).**

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- 2. Disclose the number of births in each category that was planned.**

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.

- 3. Disclose the number of babies in each category not recorded as having died.**

Please see the response to question 2.

- 4. Please disclose any high level documents you may have relating to the costs associated with extremely preterm births for the year 2022/23.**

The UHB does not hold this information.