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Health Board

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Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg ac yn y Saesneg. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 1st November 2019. Your request sought information relating to our maternity services.

1. Could you please provide me with information on the total number of recorded patient safety incidents relating to the health board’s maternity services department between January 2010 and October 2019. Could you please provide a year by year breakdown.

In recent times the Health Board has included a number of maternity triggers which are not necessarily an incident but are an opportunity for the Health Board to review these triggers to support learning and development. For example, the Health Board now monitors and records all births of babies with birthweight below the 10th centile due to the national perinatal work and GAP/GROW compliance. The vast majority of these reports are no harm/green and equates to approximately 350-400 reports per annum

The Health Board has an extremely robust incident reporting culture and encourage our teams to report any event they consider appropriate, particularly when there is a learning opportunity

Year	Total Reported	% No/Low Harm
2010	327	99.08%
2011	982	98.98%



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2012	890	99.21%
2013	742	94.86%
2014	773	99.09%
2015	895	98.99%
2016	948	98.83%
2017	998	98.99%
2018	1599	99.56%
2019	1130	98.93%

2. Please could you also tell me how many times were shifts in the maternity department reported to be understaffed during the same period (Jan 2010 and October 2019). Could you please provide a year by year breakdown.

This information is not held centrally. To obtain this information would involve a manual trawl and search of records. Our health rostering system holds data on numbers per roster period, however we would need to manually identify whether these numbers fell under staffing levels. We have estimated this work would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI Act as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOI Act provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 029 2067 8400.

Yours sincerely



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