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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 6th April 2022. Your request sought information relating to maternity statistics.

1. How many babies have died in child birth in the past 10 years? Break it down by calendar year.

You clarified on 13.04.22 that you are looking for both still births and babies that died during delivery.

Please note that from 1st April 2019 responsibility for providing healthcare services for people in the Bridgend County Borough Council area transferred from Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board to Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board. In light of this change to ABMU's responsibilities, the organisation's name has changed to Swansea Bay University Health Board. However as this response asks for data prior to 1st April 2019, we have provided the information that ABMU Health Board held which will include Bridgend data.

Please note that a stillbirth is recorded for babies at 24 weeks gestation and above. Earlier than this in the pregnancy is recorded as miscarriage.

Calendar Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total childbirths	6475	6083	6015	6024	5978	5920	5770	4105	3498	3503
Stillbirths/deaths at birth	25	23	39	37	29	18	15	14	19	10



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2. How many babies suffered brain injuries in child birth in the past 10 years? Break it down by year.

You clarified on 21st April 2022 that you are looking for both suspected and confirmed cases of Hypoxic-Ischemic Encephalopathy (HIE)/brain injury.

It is not always possible to know what causes HIE, but we do know that a lack of oxygen to a baby can lead to brain injury. This injury may be mild, moderate or severe and some babies may not survive. Of the many babies who do survive, some may go on to develop disabilities, which again may be mild, moderate or severe. Some babies will recover without any lasting effects (particularly those who had a mild brain injury).

HIE is graded according to severity as below;

Grade 1 – Mild

Grade 2 – Moderate

Grade 3 - Severe

Suspected HIE

Please note that the information for “suspected” cases of HIE relates to babies that received therapeutic cooling for suspected Grade 2 or 3 HIE post birth in either Singleton or Neath Port Talbot Hospitals. We do not hold this information relating to Princess of Wales Hospital.

Calendar Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Babies who received therapeutic cooling for suspected grade 2 or 3 HIE	8	6	<5*	7	13	11	9	9	9	10

Confirmed HIE

Please note that the information for “confirmed” cases of HIE relates to babies that were discharged from our Neonatal unit with the discharge diagnosis of Grade 2 or 3 HIE, born in either Singleton or Neath Port Talbot Hospitals.

Calendar Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Babies who were discharged from Neonatal Unit with discharge diagnosis of grade 2 or 3 HIE	6	6	<5*	7	6	9	8	6	<5*	8

* Where fewer than 5 has been indicated we are unable to provide you with the exact number of patients as due to the low numbers, there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by 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



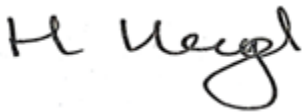
GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

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

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Yours sincerely



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