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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

- 1. How many medical negligence claims were made against the Trust in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021?**

The information requested above is collated by NHS Resolution and is available via their website which can be accessed using the link below:

<https://resolution.nhs.uk/resources/factsheet-5-trust-and-authority-claims-data-2019-20/>

Freedom of Information requests to NHS Resolution can be made via the link below:

<https://resolution.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information/>

- 2. How much compensation was paid out to claimants in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021?**

Please see above.

- 3. How many claims for medical negligence relating to maternity services were made in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021?**

Please see above.

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4. **How many baby deaths and birth injuries were recorded in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021?**

**Clarification was sought asking you to be more specific with regards to birth injuries and confirmation was received that you require the following:**

**In this case babies born with life-changing injuries.**

- 6 babies were diagnosed with HIE 2 and 3 (including one ungraded for HIE but diagnosed with severe birth asphyxia and seizures), within the time-frame requested above.
- out of these, the data is not held or known about how many go on to have life changing injuries (as care is transferred to the GP). Life-changing injuries may not develop until later on in a child's life.

**Further clarification was sought asking you to confirm the gestation to be included in 'baby deaths', is this post viability? (24 weeks) Confirmation was received that you require the following:**

**Yes we're more interested in neonatal deaths, or post 24 weeks.**

	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total
Stillbirths	8	8	7	11	34
Neonatal Deaths >24 Weeks	0	0	1	3	4
Neonatal deaths <24 Weeks (19-23+6) Signs of life witnessed	5	6	3	3	17
SUDI (Sudden Infant Death discovered at home)		1 @ 2 Days		2 1 @ 8 Weeks 1 @ 33 Days	3
					58 Losses

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, please write to the Freedom of Information Department ([esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net)), quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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