

FOI REF: 22/472

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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. Number of stillbirths in total for the period Jan 1 - June 30, 2022

There have sadly been 6 stillbirths within East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (ESHT) for the period requested.

2. Of those stillbirths, how many of the mothers had received the Covid 19 vaccination?

- (a) 1 dose
- (b) 2 doses
- (c) 2 doses and the booster

We do not hold this information.

3. Of those stillbirths, how many burials/cremations were conducted or handled by the NHS Trust?

All burials/cremations for Stillbirths are handled by Funeral Directors, who liaise with the bereavement office at Conquest, with the guidance of the bereavement team initially. None of them are conducted by the Trust.

4. What was the main cause of death among the stillbirths?

- 1 – Prematurity and known growth restriction during pregnancy.
- 2 – Acute abruptions.
- 3 – No definitive cause, despite Post-mortem investigations.

5. **Of those stillbirths, how many cremations took place on the NHS Trust's grounds?**

None.

6. **Total number of infant deaths where the infant was aged 0-3mths at the time of death during the period 1 Jan – 30 June 2022.**

No Neonatal deaths in maternity at ESHT up to 28 days post-delivery.

No Neonatal deaths in maternity at ESHT 28 days to 3 months post-delivery.

7. **With regards the infant deaths for the 0-3mth age group, how many of the mothers had received the Covid 19 vaccination?**

- (a) 1 dose
- (b) 2 doses
- (c) 2 doses and the booster

Not applicable.

8. **With regards the infant deaths for the 0-3mth age group, how many burials/cremations were conducted/handled by the NHS Trust?**

All Neonatal deaths will be buried/cremated by Funeral Directors, who liaise with the bereavement office at Conquest. Guidance is initially given by maternity bereavement specialist midwives. No burials/cremations are conducted by the Trust.

9. **With regards the infant deaths for the 0-3mth old age group, how many cremations took place on the NHS Trust's grounds?**

None.

10. **What was the main cause of death for the infant deaths in the 0-3mth age group?**

Not applicable.

11. **Total number of infant deaths where the infant was aged 3-6mths at the time of death during the period 1 Jan – 30 June 2022.#**

None

12. **With regards the infant deaths for the 3-6mth age group, how many of the mothers had received the Covid 19 vaccination?**

- (a) 1 dose
- (b) 2 doses
- (c) 2 doses and the booster

Not applicable.

13. With regards the infant deaths for the 3-6mth age group, how many burials/cremations were conducted/handled by the NHS Trust?

Not applicable.

14. With regards the infant deaths for the 3-6mth old age group, how many cremations took place on the NHS Trust's grounds?

Not applicable.

15. What was the main cause of death for the infant deaths in the 3-6mth age group?

Not applicable.

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

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Yours sincerely

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