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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:

**The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists ran an initiative called Each Baby Counts aimed at reducing the number of intrapartum stillbirths, early neonatal deaths and babies born with severe brain injuries. Please provide the total number of notifiable cases reported to the initiative by your organisation and the time period the data relates to, eg 1 January 2015 – 31 December 2019.**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust no longer holds this information as the portal has been closed.

We have contacted the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) and they informed us that:

*“As part of the project closure process, the online portal containing eligible cases reported by UK Trusts and Health Boards from the period of 01 January 2015 – 31 December 2019 was destroyed, and the data collected by the RCOG in the course of the project was deleted. This was in compliance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the contractual agreement with our funders, the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC).”*

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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