

FOI REF: 23/059

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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:

I would like to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, the following information regarding miscarriages in maternity services.

- 1) **The total number of cases with a Primary Discharge reason recorded and the total number of cases with a Primary Discharge reason of “Miscarriage”.**

Please can you provide the data with the following breakdowns:

- a) **Yearly totals for the years 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017.**

[Please see attached document.](#)

- b) **Level of deprivation of the mother, from 1-Most deprived to 10-Least deprived**

[Please see attached document.](#)

- c) **Racial and/or Ethnic group of the mother, e.g. Asian, Black, White, etc.**

[Please see attached document.](#)

- 2) **Available support programs & groups mothers are signposted to after a miscarriage and, if applicable, criteria for receiving support.**

[Early Pregnancy Assessment clinic before 14 weeks, provide leaflets depending on types of miscarriage and sometimes a memory box with follow up care if needed.](#)

[Over 14 weeks the bereavement team follow up and provide leaflets, postnatal care and a memory box.](#)

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3) The total number of bereavement midwives employed by your trust or any other staff/nurses specialised in supporting women after a miscarriage.

2 x Band 7 - Bereavement specialist Midwives on maternity who share a post of 37.5 hours (18.75 hours each per week).

1 x Band 3 - Bereavement maternity support worker who works 30 hours per week.

Please can you provide the data with the following breakdown:

a) Yearly for the years 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017.

Please see the attached document.

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, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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Admissions, Primary Diagnosis of Miscarriage by Calendar Year

Sum of Admissions	Column Labels					
Row Labels	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Misarrriage/Spontaneous Abortion	186	182	200	192	159	126
Grand Total	186	182	200	192	159	126

Admissions, Primary Diagnosis of Miscarriage by Calendar Year and Level of deprivation

Sum of Admissions	Column Labels					
Row Labels	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Miscarriage/SpontaneousAbortion	186	182	200	192	159	126
1	38	26	25	21	23	15
2	20	21	29	32	13	9
3	18	19	20	20	16	11
4	19	25	18	21	28	12
5	30	23	33	15	26	8
6	19	13	18	28	17	22
7	10	6	18	10	11	13
8	17	31	10	16	12	21
9	2	7	12	10	8	6
10	2	3	4	2	2	
Not Available	11	8	13	17	3	9
Grand Total	186	182	200	192	159	126

Admissions, Primary Diagnosis of Miscarriage by Calendar Year and Ethnicity

Sum of Admissions	Column Labels					
Row Labels	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Miscarriage/SpontaneousAbortion	186	182	200	192	159	126
WHITE - BRITISH	110	87	103	109	108	98
NULL	51	56	42	46	19	10
NOT STATED	10	19	25	11	8	6
WHITE - ANY OTHER WHITE BACKGROUND	7	7	5	13	10	5
ASIAN - INDIAN OR BRITISH INDIAN		1	2		2	3
BLACK - AFRICAN			3	1	2	2
ASIAN - ANY OTHER ASIAN BACKGROUND		1	4	1	4	1
ASIAN - BANGLADESHI OR BRITISH BANGLADESHI				1		1
WHITE	1	3	2	1		
WHITE - IRISH	1		2			
MIXED - ANY OTHER MIXED BACKGROUND	1	1		2	2	
MIXED - WHITE & BLACK CARIBBEAN		1	1	1		
MIXED - WHITE & ASIAN	1			1		
BLACK - ANY OTHER BLACK BACKGROUND	1					
BLACK - BLACK BRITISH	1		1			
ASIAN - PAKISTANI OR BRITISH PAKISTANI		1				
WHITE - ENGLISH		1				
OTHER ETHNIC GROUPS - CHINESE		1	3	2	1	
WHITE - OTHER WHITE, WHITE UNSPECIFIED		3	3	2	3	
OTHERS - ANY OTHER ETHNIC GROUP	2			1		
PATIENT PREFERRED NOT TO SAY			4			
Grand Total	186	182	200	192	159	126