

FOI REF: 25/665

3rd October 2025

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 the following information for each Emergency Department in your organisation.

- 1. Does your Emergency Department receive cases of unexpected child death? If “yes”, please proceed to question 2. If “No”, please respond to question 1 only.**

Yes.

- 2. Did your Emergency Department have standard procedures or guidance for the management of unexpected child death in place on 1st Sept 2025? If “yes” please proceed to questions 3&4, answering using the guidance available on 1st Sept 2025. If “no” please respond to questions 1 & 2 only.**

Yes.

- 3. Does your standard procedures or guidance document ask whether a parent is breastfeeding the child that has died?**

Not specifically breastfeeding, however paediatricians should discuss diet and nutrition which should also highlight breastfeeding.

- 4. Does your standard procedures document or guidance include management of the bereaved breastfeeding parent to reduce risk of engorgement, mastitis, and additional emotional distress?**

No specific guidance on this within the policy.

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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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