

FOI Ref: 26/114

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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

I am requesting the following information for the period 01 January 2023 to present. Please provide the data broken down by calendar year and by hospital site within the Trust.

For each year and hospital site, please provide:

1. The total number of births.

Please see the attached document - 'FOI 26-114' for the total number of births within East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust, broken down by hospital.

2. The total number of stillbirths.

Please see the attached document - 'FOI 26-114' for the total number of stillbirths within East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust, broken down by hospital.

3. The total number of neonatal deaths (defined as deaths within 28 days of birth) occurring within the Trust's maternity services.

In Maternity any neonatal deaths from 14 weeks gestation – 28 days postnatal are all reported to the Coroner via the Medical Examiner.

The Coroner does not give his permission for the Trust to share information in relation to deaths where the death has been reported to the Coroner's Office. Coroner's Offices are not subject to the Freedom of Information Act therefore we are unable to provide you with a response to this part your request.

4. Of those neonatal deaths, the number reported to the Coroner by the Trust.

Please refer to question 3 above.

5. For neonatal deaths not reported to the Coroner, the primary recorded cause of death.

Please refer to question 3.

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at esh-tr.foi@nhs.net quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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Total number of Births	2023	2024	2025
Eastbourne District General Hospital	149	52	90
Conquest Hospital	2569	2643	2702

Total number of stillbirths	2023	2024	2025
Eastbourne District General Hospital	0	0	0
Conquest Hospital	10	9	12