

Reference:	FOI.2067.19
Subject:	Neonatal deaths and stillbirths
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Requested:

1. How many stillborn babies or neonatal deaths occurred under the Hywel Dda Health Board over the last three years, on a year by year basis?
2. How many of those births were carried out by Caesarean Section?

Response:

1. The table below provides the number of stillbirths and neonatal deaths recorded by Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) within the requested timeframe.

Please note that the UHB records a stillbirth as a baby born with no signs of life after 24 weeks gestation. A neonatal death is defined as a baby aged 28 days or less.

Calendar Year	Number of deaths
2016	20
2017	19
2018	20

2. The table below provides the number stillbirths and neonatal deaths of which the babies were delivered by caesarean section, within the 2016, 2017 and 2018 calendar years.

Calendar Year	Number of deaths
2016	*
2017	6
2018	7

Where the figures in the table have been replaced with an asterisk (*), the UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients due to the low numbers of cases (5 and under), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. The UHB is therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018 / General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) 2016, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles 6 and 9 of the GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In reaching this decision, the Data Protection Act 2018 / General Data Protection Regulations 2016 defines personal data as data which relates to a living individual who can be identified solely from that data or from that data and other information which is in the possession of the data controller.