

Reference:	FOI.11365.23
Subject:	Obstetric data
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Requested:

Please can you give figures for each of the last 5 years ie 2018-2022

1. Total live births
2. Total still births
3. Total intrapartum still births
4. Total neonatal deaths to 28 days
5. Total preterm births (<37 weeks)
6. Total maternal deaths
7. Total maternal collapses / cardiac arrests
8. Total postpartum haemorrhage >1.5l
9. Evacuation of retained products of conception (ERPCs)
10. Attendance numbers for early pregnancy clinics
11. Do you record covid-19 vaccination status in your electronic maternity records?
12. If possible for 2021 & 2022 could you give all of the above data by COVID-19 vaccination status (0/1/2/3/4 doses) or state if you do not record vaccination status.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the information requested for questions 9 and 12, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the "appropriate limit" as stated in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The "appropriate limit" represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours (or 2½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

Several procedures, including Evacuation of Retained Products of Conception (ERPC), Retained Products of Conception (RPOC) and miscarriage are recorded in the UHB's Welsh Patient Administration System (WPAS) under the same code. Therefore, in order to provide you with the information requested for question 9, the UHB would need to undertake a manual search of all of those patient records, for the requested period of five (5) years, to identify the information that would fulfil your request, as the data is not recorded separately.

Additionally, to identify any information requested for question 12, a manual trawl would also be required, as again, this data is not centrally recorded.

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), which provides an exemption from a public authority's obligation to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit.

However, under Section 16 of the FoIA, we are required as a public authority, to provide advice and assistance so far as it is reasonable, to individuals who have made a request under the FoIA. Therefore, the UHB provides the accessible information it holds below.

1. - 10. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides, within the table below, the number of live births, still births, intrapartum still births, neonatal deaths to 28 days, pre-term births, maternal

deaths, maternal collapses/cardiac arrests, postpartum haemorrhage and the early pregnancy clinic attendances, during the 2018 to 2022 calendar years.

No.		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
1	Live births	3,198	3,057	3,201	2,956	2,884
2	Still births	15	12	8	11	7
3	Intrapartum still births	0	0	0	2	1
4	Neonatal deaths to 28 days	2	7	4	0	2
5	Preterm births (<37 weeks)	228	191	206	204	189
6	Maternal deaths	0	0	0	0	0
7	Maternal collapses/cardiac arrests	0	0	0	0	0
8	Postpartum haemorrhage >1.5l	74	84	86	94	96
9	ERPC	Section 12 exemption applied				
10	Early pregnancy clinic attendances	3,172	2,920	2,068	1,929	2,260

11. The UHB confirms that it does not use electronic maternity notes; therefore, the UHB does not record Covid-19 vaccination status in this way.

12. Please see response to question 11. However, the data requested may be recorded on patient's paper based medical records, but to provide the information requested would be exempt under Section 12 of the FoIA, as detailed at the top of our response.