

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.20170.26
<b>Subject:</b>	Perinatal Mortality Review Tool (PMRT) data
<b>Date of Request:</b>	10 April 2026

**Requested:**

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the use of the Perinatal Mortality Review Tool (PMRT) within your Health Board.

I understand that PMRT is used as a standardised national tool to review perinatal deaths, including assessment of the quality of care, grading of care (A–D), and identification of learning and actions. I also understand that PMRT enables the generation of summary reports identifying themes, grading of care, and learning from perinatal deaths, and I am requesting aggregated outputs from these reports.

**PMRT Activity (5-Year Period)**

1. For each of the past five full financial years (or calendar years if more readily available), please provide:
  - a. Total number of perinatal deaths reported to PMRT
  - b. Number of cases:
    - Not suitable for PMRT review
    - Reviews in progress
    - Reviews completed (and/or published where applicable)

**PMRT Grading of Care (A–D)**

2. For all completed PMRT reviews, please provide the number of cases by grading of care:
  - Category A – Good care
  - Category B – Care issues, but no impact on outcome
  - Category C – Care issues which *may have made a difference* to the outcome
  - Category D – Care issues which *would reasonably be expected to have made a difference* to the outcome

Please provide this data for each year, and where available include:

- a. The percentage (%) of total reviewed cases in each category

**Key Focus – Categories C & D**

3. To support understanding of potential avoidable or modifiable factors, please confirm:
  - a. Whether Categories C and D are routinely monitored, analysed, or reported internally
  - b. Whether there are any internal targets, benchmarks, or improvement goals relating to reducing:
    - Category C cases
    - Category D cases

**Contextual Breakdown (if readily available)**

4. Where this information is already recorded within PMRT outputs, please provide breakdowns of Categories C and D by:
  - a. Type of death (e.g. stillbirth, neonatal death)
  - b. Phase of care:
    - Antenatal
    - Intrapartum
    - Neonatal/postnatal

## **Learning, Themes and Governance**

5. Please confirm:

- a. Whether PMRT findings are reported to Board level or equivalent governance structures
- b. Whether thematic reviews or trend analyses of PMRT findings are undertaken
- c. Whether any reports, summaries, or learning outputs can be shared

## **PMRT Coverage and Timeliness**

6. Please confirm:

- a. Whether PMRT reviews are completed for all eligible perinatal deaths
- b. The estimated percentage coverage of eligible cases reviewed
- c. The average timeframe for completion of PMRT reviews
- d. Whether there are any targets or standards relating to review timeliness

## **Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the information requested, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the "appropriate limit" as stated in the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The "appropriate limit" represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours (or 2 ½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

As not all of the information requested is recorded centrally, the Senior Midwifery teams located at multiple sites across the UHB, would be required to undertake a manual trawl of both paper-based and electronic records, for the 2021/22 to 2025/26 financial years, to identify any information that would fulfil your request.

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the 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, this can include assisting a requestor to further refine their request.

The UHB suggests that you may refine your request by reducing the timeframe requested to a one (1) or (2) financial year period e.g. 2025/26 and/or 2024/25. However, the UHB would still be required to request this information from multiple sources and for records to be manually trawled, to identify the information required to fulfil your request. Therefore, even with a shorter time period, the outcome would be dependent on the number of sources that would need to be contacted and the time it would take to identify and collate any relevant information.