

Reference:	FOI.17848.25
Subject:	Stillbirth statistics
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Requested:

1. The total number of **live births** recorded at your trust for the year 2024.
2. The total number of **stillbirths** recorded at your trust for the year 2024.

(Stillbirths as defined by the Office for National Statistics: a baby born after 24 weeks of pregnancy showing no signs of life.)

3. The total number of **neonatal deaths** recorded at your trust for the year 2024.

(Neonatal deaths as defined by the Office for National Statistics: The death of a liveborn baby within the first 28 days of life.)

If possible could you please provide this information in spreadsheet format for clarity and ease of use. If any part of the data is not available, please indicate this in your response.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides the information within the attached spreadsheet as requested, at Attachment 1.

Where the figures within the attachment have been replaced with an asterisk (*), the UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients due to the low number of cases (less than 5), 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 (FoIA). This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA)/UK General Data Protection Regulations, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles of the UK GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore, there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In reaching this decision, the DPA and UK GDPR define personal data as data that 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.