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Subject: Neonatal Deaths

## REQUEST

1. Please could you provide figures detailing the following information for Ormskirk District General Hospital per year between 2013 and 2018:
  - a. Number of neonatal admittances
  - b. Number of late fetal losses
  - c. Number of stillbirths
  - d. Number of early and late neonatal deaths
  - e. Number of post neonatal deaths

### Clarification:

Please provide all admissions regardless of gestation.

Please provide figures for late miscarriages only, not terminations. The Gestation periods required are:

Late fetal loss / miscarriage: from 12 weeks to 24 weeks.

Stillbirths: from 24 weeks onward

Early Neonatal Deaths: during the first 7 days of life.

Late Neonatal Deaths: between the 8th and 28th days of life.

Post Neonatal Deaths: after the 28th day of life.

## RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations

Please see the attached.

Section 40: personal information

We are unable to provide precise figures when those figures refer to individuals in volumes of 5 or less due to the risk that individuals will be re-

identified, as we are required to protect their identity under the General Data Protection Regulations & Data Protection Act 2018. In such circumstances Section 40(2) and Section 40(3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle which states that personal data should be processed “lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner”. It is the lawful aspect of this principle which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure, and in such circumstances, Section 40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure.