

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 12 October 2018.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

1. How many births have taken place each year within Trust Hospitals between 2008 -2018

Please find attached.

2. Does this Hospital trust have on record the number of maternal deaths - between the years 2008-2018

There have been 2 maternal deaths at MKUH recorded between 2008 - 2018.

3. Is the Hospital trust able to provide with me with further details on the cause of death for each woman

For example: Women A (name and personal details anonymous for data protection reasons) *Cause of death - haemorrhage / Time Frame - immediately after birth / Date – 2010*

2015: Cause of death unknown, however patient passed away following a car accident.

2016: Cause of death was recorded as: 1a. Natural Causes – Acute Volvulus of the colon – Redundant colon. 2a – Previous caesarean section delivery

4. Is this Hospital Trust able to provide a detailed ethnic breakdown of all of the women who have died - i.e highlighting the number of Black African women, Black Caribbean women, British Pakistani women, White British women, British Indian women etc who have died.

2015: Asian or Asian British

2016: White British

5. Within the same time frame of 2008-2018, how many complaints have been received by the Trust regarding the care and treatment of pregnant women and new mothers (new mother within this context meaning up to one year after the birth)

Between 01/01/2018 – 31/12/2018 the Trust received 156 formal complaints with regards to women's health. This includes complaints made to other women's services such as Gynaecology.

6. Within the same time frame, can you provide a breakdown of the complaints by ethnicity - detailing for example - how many Black Caribbean pregnant women complained about their care at the Trust.

The Trust does not record this information.

7. Recent studies have highlighted that BME women suffer higher rates of maternal death (for example MBRACE-UK released a report in November 2018 entitled “Saving Lives, Improving Mothers’ Care”. The report revealed that Black and Asian women have a significantly higher risk of dying in pregnancy - link here <https://www.npeu.ox.ac.uk/downloads/files/mbrace-uk/reports/MBRRACE-UK%20Maternal%20Report%202018%20-%20Web%20Version.pdf>). Between the years 2008 -2018, has the Trust outlined and implemented any specific measures in response to such data?

No.

8. If you believe contents of any such files are exempt from disclosure, please provide summaries of any such exempt files.

N/A

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom Of Information Co-ordinator
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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