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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information – Unexplained Fractures in Babies

I refer to your request for information from NHS Bradford and Airedale regarding the above.

“Please could you provide all statistical data you hold broken down year by year, in relation to admissions due to fractures in babies, going back from 2011 to whatever date is reasonable.”

1. The age of the child at the time of injury.

The information below shows totals for the last ten years for all fractures in children under 1 year of age (both accidental and non-accidental). The numbers are too small to break down further by age due to confidentiality reasons.

Year	All fractures
01/02	17
02/03	20
03/04	23
04/05	29
05/06	24
06/07	19
07/08	15
08/09	25
09/10	33
Total	233



Chair: John Chuter
Chief Executive: Simon Morritt

The criteria used for the search of datasets is defined below:-

Under 1 year olds

All providers, elective & non-elective

Primary and Secondary ICD10 codes - S02, S12, S22, S32, S42, S52, S62, S72, S82, S92, T02, T08, T10, T12, T142

2. Name of the Hospital

The data mainly comes from Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Airedale NHS Foundation Trust but also includes other providers as the full list below demonstrates:

AIREDALE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST
BRADFORD TEACHING HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST
CALDERDALE AND HUDDERSFIELD NHS TRUST
LEEDS TEACHING HOSPITALS NHS TRUST
MID YORKSHIRE HOSPITALS NHS TRUST
BLACKPOOL TEACHING HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST
BARTS AND THE LONDON NHS TRUST
PENNINE ACUTE HOSPITALS NHS TRUST

Again due to small numbers it is not appropriate to break down further.

3. Whether the Fractures had an organic explanation. (If so what was the cause eg. Brittle bones, Vitamin D deficiency etc); and

4. Whether the Fractures were recorded as non-accidental.

Of these 233 fractures under 1 year of age which occurred over the last 10 years, 208 were defined as accidental and 25 were defined as non-accidental. Due to the small numbers involved we cannot share more detailed data by year for non-accidental injuries. No further detail is readily available in relation to your questions

5. Whether police were informed.

Not available from our datasets.

6. Whether the child was adopted (records show child's change of name and parent).

We do not have information about the adoption status of the child.

7. Whether the child died from the injuries.

Data suggests that no child died from their injuries

8. Whether Social Services were informed

We do not have information about the adoption status of the child.

In summary; it is not possible to provide any further detail in relation to your questions 1-8 for three reasons: it is not available, is confidential due to small numbers or is held by other agencies. The data you have requested is likely to be held by a variety of agencies including Children's Social Care at Bradford Metropolitan District Council and the Police Authority. However, it is likely many of these details you have requested would be confidential and not in the public domain. The information provided above answers your questions 1, 2, 3 and 4. As outlined, we are not able to provide the remaining information as this is not held by the PCT but the relevant agencies named above.

I hope I have addressed all the issues raised in your request.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision you should write to the Information Governance Manager, Douglas Mill, Bowling Old Lane, Bradford BD5 7JR, quoting the reference number above.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, with regards to this Freedom of Information request, you may then apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Booth'.

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