

25 February 2020

Our ref: NIC-356762-R5P9C
(Sent via email)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Information Request – Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000

Thank you for your email dated 29 January 2020 requesting a review on the information that was provided to you under NIC-355225-Q6R0P. you have requested the following information:

*“Specifically, it was data on place of birth at the onset of NHS care (ie consultant unit, freestanding unit or alongside midwifery unit) and birth outcomes (obviously including mortality but any additional outcomes that are available in the dataset would be helpful).
This is the data that NICE was warned to collect by the NPEU researchers if the recommendation on place of birth were to remain valid after reconfiguration.*

Could you send me the link to that data, or confirm, as we suspect, that it is not being collected.”

We have considered your request and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) I can confirm that we do hold the information that you have requested.

The link that has been previously provided to you (<https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/maternity-services-monthly-statistics/>) will take you to a page with links to each monthly publication which will have a CSV file containing data as per the below table:

Dimension	Org_Lev	Org_Co	Org_Nar	Measure	Count_C	Final_val
PlaceTypeActualDeliveryMidwifery	National	ALL	All Submitt	Home (NHS care)	Babies	555
PlaceTypeActualDeliveryMidwifery	National	ALL	All Submitt	Home (private care)	Babies	15
PlaceTypeActualDeliveryMidwifery	National	ALL	All Submitt	In transit (with NHS ambulance services)	Babies	175
PlaceTypeActualDeliveryMidwifery	National	ALL	All Submitt	In transit (without healthcare services present)	Babies	10
PlaceTypeActualDeliveryMidwifery	National	ALL	All Submitt	Maternity assessment or triage unit/ area	Babies	2615
PlaceTypeActualDeliveryMidwifery	National	ALL	All Submitt	Missing Value / Value outside reporting parameters	Babies	5310
PlaceTypeActualDeliveryMidwifery	National	ALL	All Submitt	NHS Alongside midwifery unit	Babies	3625
PlaceTypeActualDeliveryMidwifery	National	ALL	All Submitt	NHS Freestanding midwifery unit (FMU)	Babies	445
PlaceTypeActualDeliveryMidwifery	National	ALL	All Submitt	NHS Obstetric unit (including theatre)	Babies	18955
PlaceTypeActualDeliveryMidwifery	National	ALL	All Submitt	NHS ward/health care setting without delivery facilities	Babies	15
PlaceTypeActualDeliveryMidwifery	National	ALL	All Submitt	Non-domestic and non-health care setting	Babies	5
PlaceTypeActualDeliveryMidwifery	National	ALL	All Submitt	Not known (not recorded)	Babies	65
PlaceTypeActualDeliveryMidwifery	National	ALL	All Submitt	Other (not listed)	Babies	50
PlaceTypeActualDeliveryMidwifery	National	ALL	All Submitt	Private hospital	Babies	5

As for birth outcome, we do publish the number of births but our publications tend to focus more on the mother and the pregnancy/maternity journey rather than pregnancy outcome as per the below table:

PREGNANCY OUTCOME	PregOutcome	The pregnancy outcome of each baby.	an2	01	Live birth
				02	Antepartum Stillbirth
				03	Intrapartum Stillbirth

				04	Stillbirth – timing unknown
				05	Termination of Pregnancy equal to or greater than 24 weeks
				98	Other (not listed)

This information can also be found at the above link.

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the NHS Digital website.

If following this review, you remain unsatisfied with the way in which we have handled your request you are entitled to ask the Information Commissioner to assess whether we have complied with our obligations under FOIA by writing to them at the following address:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF
Email: casework@ico.org.uk

NHS Digital values customer feedback and would appreciate a moment of your time to respond to our Freedom of Information (FOI) Survey to let us know about your experience. Please access the survey through this link [here](#)

Yours sincerely,

Information Assurance Advisor

