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Our Ref: 19FOI398

Your Ref: Email received 23/10/2019

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Dear Joanna Morris

File Reference:	19FOI398
Date request received:	23/10/2019
Disclosure due date:	20/11/2019
Disclosure date:	07/11/2019

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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Response

I refer to your email received 23/10/2019 in which you requested information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For organisational context: University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust is the largest teaching hospital trust in the South West. We employ 8434 (7/10/2019) staff working in 350 different roles within the Trust. We offer a full range of general hospital services to around 450,000 people in Plymouth, North and East Cornwall and South and West Devon. These include emergency and trauma services, maternity services, paediatrics and a full range of diagnostic, medical and surgical sub-specialties.

We work within a network of other hospitals to offer a range of specialist services to a population of between 700,000 and two million depending on the type of care needed.

“Contact us” details are available on the Trust website at <http://www.plymouthhospitals.nhs.uk/contact-us>. This includes an online enquiry form.

You asked

I’m hoping to acquire more information about pregnant women attending obstetrics/maternity/antenatal care appointments within your Trust who declared themselves homeless – whether rough sleeping, in temporary accommodation, with no fixed address or sofa surfing.

I’d like full disclosure of data as outlined below and would appreciate your advice and direction, as specified under the Freedom of Information Act, if you feel there’s a way of better refining my request to allow you to retrieve the information I’m interested in.

1. How many pregnant women presenting for initial obstetrics/maternity/antenatal care appointments within your Trust declared themselves as homeless or with no fixed address between 2015 and 2019? Please breakdown by year.
2. How many of those pregnant women still declared themselves as homeless or had no fixed address upon being admitted to a labour ward to give birth?
3. For 1 and 2, if the information is available, please breakdown the numbers of women to specify how many were rough sleepers, how many were in temporary accommodation (please give numbers for hostels, B&Bs, refuges or other), or with no fixed address.
4. Please also provide figures for the outcomes of pregnancies for homeless women, broken down by the number that ended with a live birth, the number that underwent terminations, the number that had miscarriages and the number that were stillborn.
5. Please indicate age groups for the number of pregnant women who declared themselves homeless – whether under 20, 20-30, 30-40 or 40+.
6. How many of those who were pregnant had their child removed from their care at birth?

Please disclose your response in an Excel spreadsheet, with headings, where appropriate, as follows:

‘TRUST’ - ‘YEAR’ - ‘NUMBER HOMELESS AT INITIAL APPOINTMENT’ -
‘NUMBER LIVING IN HOSTELS’ - ‘LIVING IN B&B’ - ‘ROUGH SLEEPING’ -

'LIVING IN REFUGE' - 'WITH NFA' – 'STILL HOMELESS WHEN ADMITTED TO LABOUR WARD FOR DELIVERY' – 'LIVING IN HOSTEL AT TIME OF DELIVERY' - 'B&B AT TIME OF DELIVERY' – REFUGE AT TIME OF DELIVERY – NFA AT TIME OF DELIVERY – NO OF LIVE BIRTHS – NO OF TERMINATIONS – NO OF MISCARRIAGES – NO STILLBIRTHS – AGE UNDER 20 – AGE 20-30 – AGE 30-40 – AGE 40+ - NO OF BABIES REMOVED FROM MOTHER'S CARE

Our reply

Please refer to the attachment for our response.

Legal notes

University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust is confirming in accordance with section 1 (a) of the Act that it holds the information requested and is supplying it in accordance with section 1(b) unless otherwise specified.

Please find the answers to your questions noting that we have redacted the data set where numbers are five or fewer, when possible. Question six has been refused. This avoids a breach of the first two Data Protection Act principles and the general right to object to processing. This refusal is in accordance with section 40.-(2)(a) and (b) by virtue of the first and second condition.

If I can be of any further assistance to you please do not hesitate to contact me on ☎ 01752 431058.

Satisfaction and appeal

Would you kindly note that if you were unhappy with this response then you have the right to complain. This should be in writing to the address below or preferably by email to plh-tr.foi-requests@nhs.net . We will then arrange for an independent appeal.

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF

<http://www.ico.org.uk/complaints/getting>

Tel: 01625 545 700

Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015 – General statement of compliance

Provision under both the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Environmental Information Regulations 2004 does not entitle you to re-use the information without appropriate permissions. The Trust for its part is happy to allow requesters to re-use the information it supplies under these laws; except for staff contact details.

We **do not** permit the forwarding or sale of staff/departmental contact details to any third party and a specific Re-use of Information Regulations request licence is required for this purpose. No named individual mentioned in our reply letter has provided you with their consent to re-use any of their details. Specific requests can be made to the Freedom of Information Manager whose details are available in the satisfaction and appeal section.

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team