

FoI request re: number of babies born with Down Syndrome
Ref: 19-CL-2105

Dear,

Thank you for your request for information relating to the number of babies born with Down Syndrome for the period 2013-2017.

This was received on 19 April 2019 and has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please find our responses below:

Request:

I would like to know the number of births of babies with Down syndrome in your Trust, each year from 2013 to 2017

2013
2014
2015
2016
2017

| | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|
| Number of live births with Down syndrome | ≤5 | ≤5 | 0 | ≤5 | ≤5 |


We have not released the exact number of live births with Down Syndrome due to the minimal numbers involved in order to adhere to best practice in maintaining patient confidentiality.

Please note that the trust's policy is not to provide patient or staff numbers, where the response is less than or equal to five (≤5) as it would potentially allow identification of the individual patient/staff and would therefore be personal data. The trust considers that release of that information would breach the first data protection principle on the grounds that it would not be fair in all the circumstances. This information is therefore exempt under section 40 of the FOI Act 2000.

I hope you find this information useful. Please quote the above reference in any further communication on this matter.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or at the address shown below.

Yours sincerely

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If you are dissatisfied with this response, Whittington Health operates a complaints procedure, details of which can be found below:

FOI Complaints:

In the first instance, write to:

Director Lead for Information

Governance

Chief Operating Officer

Jenner Building

Magdala Avenue

London

N19 5NF

020 7288 5255

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If you remain dissatisfied with the Trust's response, you may write to:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745

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