

## Freedom of Information request 479-19

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### Request

I am applying under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for the following information.

1. Please provide the number of live term infants born in your maternity unit for each of the following years; 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
2. Please provide for the same years the total number of term infants that were stillborn, with the intrauterine death occurring either before or during labour
3. Please provide for the same years the 5-minute Apgar score of <6,n (rate per 10,000) for each year for your unit
4. Please provide for the same years the Hypoxic-Ischaemic Encephalopathy rate (HIE) for moderate/severe (rate per 10,000)
5. For the year 2018 alone please detail how many obstetricians and midwives were working for you (Please give separate numbers for both professions).

### Response

1. Please find below the number of live term infants born in the years requested:
  - 2014 - 1191
  - 2015 - 1057
  - 2016 - 987
  - 2017 - 1008
  - 2018 – 988
2. Please find below the number of stillborn babies, with the intrauterine death occurring either before or during labour:
  - 2014 - 7
  - 2015 - 7
  - 2016 - 1
  - 2017 - 5
  - 2018 - 4
3. This data is not held electronically and would only be available in a patient's paper record. To extract this data would require a manual trawl of all notes and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002 therefore we are not required to provide.

4. Please find below the Hypoxic-Ischaemic Encephalopathy rate (HIE) as per request:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Rate per 10,000 births</b>
2014	0	0
2015	1	9.4
2016	1	10.13
2017	1	9.9
2018	0	0

NB. Numbers scored due to low rates/absolute numbers. These numbers also relate to infants showing signs of encephaly and are not specific to HIE.

5. On average NHS Borders had 46.49 WTE registered midwives working between community and hospital services excluding agency and bank.

On average in post there were 6.92 WTE Consultant Obstetricians in the 2018/2019 financial year (April 2018- end of March 2019)

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or [foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk).

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **479-19** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.