

## Freedom of Information request 474-20

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### Request

Please provide us with the following information which is requested in accordance with the FOIA:

1. An anonymised list of babies born in the Trust who underwent controlled cooling as result of confirmed or suspected hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy(HIE), between 1 September 2010 and 1 September 2020;
2. An anonymised list of babies born in the Trust who died as a result of confirmed or suspected hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy(HIE), between 1 September 2010 and 1 September 2020;

In relation to 1 and 2 above please confirm:

- a. the grade of HIE; and
- b. the ethnic origin of mother and baby

### Response

1. In the period 2010-2020 12 babies underwent controlled cooling as a result of confirmed or suspected hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy(HIE).
2. There were <5 babies who died as a result of confirmed or suspected hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy(HIE), between 1 September 2010 and 1 September 2020.
  - a) Of the 12 babies 4 were recorded as HIE Grade 2 and 3 were recorded as HIE Grade 3, data was not held for the other 5 babies.
  - b) Of the 12 mothers and babies 8 were recorded as of Scottish origin, data was not held for the other 4.

As the number of events in some areas are very small and in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics any number that is less than five, actual numbers and potentially identifiable information is withheld to help maintain patient confidentiality due to potential risk of disclosure. Further information is available in the [ISD Statistical Disclosure Control Protocol](#).

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 **474-20** 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.