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Corporate Services
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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 16th March 2021. Your request sought information relating to cord clamping.

Please provide under the FOI act, the figures for each of the last 5 years (please provide data for each calendar year data 2015-2020)

1. How many live births occurred in your organisation (please break this down to premature and term babies)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total number of live births	6112	6060	5875	5792	4102	3475
Premature (<36+6 days gestation)	496	472	435	482	345	246
Term (>37 + weeks gestation)	5616	5588	5440	5310	3757	3229

2. How many of these live births had cord clamping as being recorded at being at or after one minute? (please break this down to premature and term babies)

There is no requirement on our electronic system WPAS to note when cord clamping is actioned. This is recorded in the written All Wales Maternity documentation that is held in each of the patient's medical records. To obtain this information would involve a manual trawl and search of patient records which we have estimated would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI Act as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOI Act provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for



information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

3. Please provide the numbers where cord clamping occurred before one minute (please break this down to premature and term babies)

Please see question 2.

4. How many times this was not documented (please break this down to premature and term babies)

Please see question 2.

5. Please provide any audits in the last 5 years on cord clamping times.

Not applicable – no audits on cord clamping times have been undertaken in the time frame specified.

6. Is it mandatory to record the cord clamping time on any of your systems?

Please see question 2.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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Yours sincerely



On behalf of

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