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Corporate Services Headquarters 1 Talbot Gateway Baglan Port Talbot, SA12 7BR

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 18.05.22. Your request sought information relating to maternal, prenatal and neonatal deaths.

Please can you provide me with a breakdown of maternal deaths, prenatal deaths and neonatal deaths during the past five years 2017 - 2022 (2021 if figures are not yet available) at Singleton hospital.

You clarified on 20th May 2022 that by "maternal deaths" you are referring to deaths of the mother whilst a patient in the maternity ward. By "prenatal and neonatal deaths" you are referring to deaths of infants.

We have provided the information in accordance with our definition of the terms as below;

<u>Pre-natal</u>

Deaths of mothers whilst pregnant, and still births of babies up to 42 weeks gestation. Please note that a stillbirth is recorded for babies at 24 weeks gestation and above. Earlier than this in the pregnancy is recorded as miscarriage which is not recorded by the Health Board.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 to 20/05
Pre-Natal Deaths	0	0	0	0	<5*	<5*
Stillbirths	18	15	14	19	10	<5*



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<u>Maternal</u>

Deaths of the mother during birth and within 42 days of the end of the pregnancy.

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 to 20/05
0	0	<5*	0	0	0

<u>Neonatal</u>

Deaths of the baby in the first 28 days of life. Please note that this information reflects deaths of babies within our Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Singleton Hospital which provides a specialist regional service for premature and very sick babies requiring intensive care.

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 to 20/05
8	5	18	9	15	<5*

* Where fewer than 5 has been indicated we are unable to provide you with the exact number of deaths as due to the low numbers, there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

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

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If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 0330 414 6421.

Yours sincerely

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