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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5363

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 23rd September 2022.

Your request was as follows:

Please provide me with an annual breakdown of the total number successful clinical negligence claims made against the trust in the maternity sector and the total value of the damages paid out in the maternity sector, broken down at a site-level.

I am specifically requesting the information at a site-level, not at the trust-level. That means the data you provide should be broken down by individual sites - e.g. separate data for a hospital the trust manages, as well as a midwife-led unit.

Please indicate if a site is a midwife-led unit i.e. freestanding from a hospital.

Please provide this data for the latest five years for which it is available.

The data could be provided to me in the format of two tables, one for total number of claims and a second for the total value of damages. Each row would represent a site, and each column would be a year.

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust is a Specialist Neuroscience Tertiary Care Centre; we do not provide maternity services, therefore we cannot provide this information.

Please see our response above in blue.

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office at the address above.

Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 5363 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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