

Freedom of Information Act 2000**The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust Response to Information request****Date Request Received: 30th May 2022****FOI Ref No: 16867****Requested Information**

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please disclose the following statistics from your Trust or Health Board:

- 1) How many complaints did you receive between 1st January 2019 and 30th May 2021 from women regarding personal injuries they sustained from giving birth?
- 2) How many women died either in labour or within 48 hours of giving birth between 1st January 2019 and 30th May 2021?
- 3) How many claims for compensation were settled between 1st January 2019 and 30th May 2021 for injuries sustained by women giving birth or during pregnancy?
- 4) Of those women who complained or sought compensation about injuries they sustained giving birth, how many experienced Post Natal Depression?
- 5) How many claims for compensation were settled between 1st January 2019 and 30th May 2021 for babies injured due to negligent antenatal, perinatal, or postnatal care?
- 6) Do you have a policy or target to restrict the number of caesarean sections performed?

Response

- 1) 3 complaints were received between 1 January 2019 and 30 May 2021 from women regarding personal injuries they sustained from giving birth.
- 2) How many women died either in labour or within 48 hours of giving birth between 1 January 2019 and 30 May 2021?

There was 1 indirect maternal death between 1 January 2019 and 30 May 2021. The patient died in early pregnancy, but not in labour. A perimortem caesarean section was performed to attempt maternal lifesaving procedures.

- 3) 10 claims for compensation were settled between 1 January 2019 and 30 May 2021 for injuries sustained by women giving birth or during pregnancy.

- 4) We would not endeavour to know or record how many women who complained about injuries they sustained giving birth experienced Post Natal Depression and so would only know this is the information was volunteered by the complainant; however, we can confirm that one of the three complaints above does note this in the complaint.

Although post-natal depression was not described in that way or using that wording or term in any claim for compensation, 9 of the 10 cases above involved the patient raising issues with their mental health because of the events.

- 5) 6 claims for compensation were settled between 1sJanuary 2019 and 30 May 2021 for babies injured due to negligent antenatal, perinatal, or postnatal care.
- 6) No, we do not have a policy or target to restrict the number of caesarean sections performed.

Attachment(s)

None

Date Response sent:

13th June 2022