

Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust Response to Information request

Date Request Received: 19th June 2025

FOI Ref No 29224

Requested Information:

1. The number of stillborn babies made available by the hospitals and/or the Trust for the purposes of medical research between 1950 and 1990
2. Details of the organisations provided with stillborn babies for the purposes of medical research between 1950 and 1990

For clarity, "stillborn" is to include any infant who died in the first 24 hours after birth, and "organisations" refers to any company (eg: Sellafield) which requested foetal tissue or the bodies of babies for medical testing

Response:

We can confirm that the Trust does not hold any records or data relating to:

- The number of stillborn babies made available for medical research during this period; or
- Details of any organisations that may have received stillborn babies or foetal tissue for research purposes between 1950 and 1990.

Please note that the time frame specified predates the formation of many current NHS Trusts and the implementation of modern data governance standards. As such, records from that period may not have been retained, transferred, or created in a way that aligns with contemporary FOI regulations.

If you believe the information may be held by another body or institution, you may wish to contact NHS England, the Department of Health and Social Care, or relevant historical archives

Attachment(s):

No Attachment(s)

Date Response sent: 24th June 2025