

Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust Response to Information request

Date Request Received: 10 September 2025

FOI Ref 30249

Requested Information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information for each Emergency Department in your organisation.

1. Does your Emergency Department receive cases of unexpected child death? If “yes”, please proceed to question 2. If “No”, please respond to question 1 only.
2. Did your Emergency Department have standard procedures or guidance for the management of unexpected child death in place on 1st Sept 2025? If “yes” please proceed to questions 3&4, answering using the guidance available on 1st Sept 2025. If “no” please respond to questions 1 & 2 only.
3. Does your standard procedures or guidance document ask whether a parent is breastfeeding the child that has died?
4. Does your standard procedures document or guidance include management of the bereaved breastfeeding parent to reduce risk of engorgement, mastitis, and additional emotional distress?

Response:

1. Yes-
[Death in Children Up To 18 Years of Age- Emergency Department Policy](#)
2. Yes.
3. Death in Children Up to 18 Years of Age Emergency Department Policy includes guidance to take a detailed account of child’s feeding.
4. Death in Children Up to 18 Years of Age Emergency Department Policy states suppression of lactation prescription if indicated at section 6.10.3.

Attachment(s):

No Attachment(s)

Date Response sent: 18th September 2025