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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5534

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 16th January 2023.

Your request was as follows:

Please provide the number of cases where breast milk of a new mother was given to a child who is not her own at all maternity wards in your Trust.

For clarity, I am asking you to please provide the number of instances where a child on a maternity ward was given breast milk from a person who was not their mother.

Please provide annual figures for how many times this happened at your Trust for 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and so far in 2023.

Please also give the number of times disciplinary action was taken on a member of staff over these instances. Please provide a breakdown of the outcome of any disciplinary action: How many were cautioned, suspended, terminated etc as a direct result of the mistake.

[The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust is a Specialist Neuroscience Tertiary Care Centre; we do not have any maternity wards; therefore, we cannot provide this information.](#)

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 5534 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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