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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5548

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 20th January 2023.

Your request was as follows:

I would like to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, the following information regarding miscarriages in maternity services.

PRIMARY DISCHARGE REASON (MOTHER MATERNITY SERVICES) is the primary reason that the mother was discharged from a Maternity Service.

1) The total number of cases with a Primary Discharge reason recorded and the total number of cases with a Primary Discharge reason of "Miscarriage".

Please can you provide the data with the following breakdowns:

a) Yearly totals for the years 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017.

b) Level of deprivation of the mother, from 1-Most deprived to 10-Least deprived

c) Racial and/or Ethnic group of the mother, e.g. Asian, Black, White, etc.

2) Available support programs & groups mothers are signposted to after a miscarriage and, if applicable, criteria for receiving support.

3) The total number of bereavement midwives employed by your trust or any other staff/nurses specialised in supporting women after a miscarriage.

Please can you provide the data with the following breakdown:

a) Yearly for the years 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017.

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 5548 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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