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Date: 2nd May 2025
Subject: Maternity Pain Relief and Ethnicity Data

REQUEST

Over the past four years (2022, 2023, 2024, 2025):

- a) How many formal complaints or concerns were raised by maternity patients that related specifically to pain relief, including delays, denial, or perceived neglect?
- b) If this information is recorded, please break the number of these complaints down by ethnicity of the complainant.

RESPONSE

- a) How many formal complaints or concerns were raised by maternity patients that related specifically to pain relief, including delays, denial, or perceived neglect?

2022 = 5

2023 = 7

2024 = 8

2025 < 5

<5

Due to the low number of patients which is less than five for the period January to May 2025 the Trust is withholding the actual number under section 40 – Personal Information of the Freedom of Information Act due to likelihood of identification of the individual(s).

If the requestor or any other member of the general public can, on the balance of probabilities, identify individuals by cross-referencing the anonymised data with other information that was available to them, then the information is personal data and exempt from disclosure under the Act.

- b) If this information is recorded, please break the number of these complaints down by ethnicity of the complainant.

Due to the low number of patients which is less than five for the period concerned for each ethnic group the Trust is withholding the actual number under section 40 – Personal Information of the Freedom of Information Act due to likelihood of identification of the individual(s).

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