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Subject: Coroner referrals after neonatal death

## REQUEST

I am requesting the following information for the period 01 January 2023 to present. Please provide the data broken down by calendar year and by hospital site within the Trust.

For each year and hospital site, please provide:

- a) The total number of births.
- b) The total number of stillbirths.
- c) The total number of neonatal deaths (defined as deaths within 28 days of birth) occurring within the Trust's maternity services.
- d) Of those neonatal deaths, the number reported to the Coroner by the Trust.
- e) For neonatal deaths not reported to the Coroner, the primary recorded cause of death.

Where small numbers could risk identification, I am content for causes of death to be grouped into high-level categories (for example: prematurity-related, congenital anomaly, cause not known, hypoxic ischaemic encephalopathy, infection etc.).

## RESPONSE

2023	No Births	No Stillbirths	No Neonatal Deaths (NND)	No NND reported to Coroner
STHK	3763	8	<5	<5
Ormskirk	2006	<5	<5	<5
Total	5769	13	<5	<5

<b>2024</b>	<b>No Births</b>	<b>No Stillbirths</b>	<b>No Neonatal Deaths (NND)</b>	<b>No NND reported to Coroner</b>
STHK	3662	<5	<5	<5
Ormskirk	2132	<5	<5	<5
Total	5794	9	<5	<5

<b>2025</b>	<b>No Births</b>	<b>No Stillbirths</b>	<b>No Neonatal Deaths (NND)</b>	<b>No NND reported to Coroner</b>
STHK	3610	9	<5	<5
Ormskirk	1986	<5	<5	<5
Total	5596	10	<5	<5

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Due to the low number of patients which is less than five for the period, the Trust is withholding the actual number under section 40 – Personal Information of the Freedom of Information Act due to likelihood of identification