

Dear

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request concerning storage of stillborn/foetal remains.

More specifically, as of today's date, please provide a list of all stillborn children or fetal remains (or parts thereof), stored by the hospital for more than a month (for example, but not limited to, stillborn children, miscarried fetuses, aborted fetuses, etc.). For each case in the list, please state the type of remains and any non-confidential information about them such as male/female and weeks' gestation, how long each has been stored for, and the reason for storage.

An example of an answer (but do not be limited by this) would be:

- Stillborn boy, 27 weeks gestation, stored for three months and four days, awaiting collection by family
- Brain of stillborn girl, 29 weeks gestation, stored for one year and four months, awaiting examination
- Miscarried fetus, 22 weeks gestation, stored for five months and 12 days, misplaced records and unable to trace parents
- ...and so on

The Trust can provide the following information:

**Please see attachment (note- The cremations list is a list that is compiled of all fetal remain before 18 weeks gestation**

**All parents have to consent and will have sign a form they are also given a info sheet on what happens and on how long it may take before the cremations takes place.**

**The Trust needs to wait till there are 10 on the list before they can be processed and sent for cremation.**

If you have any queries about this response please contact the information governance manager at [foi@homerton.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@homerton.nhs.uk) , in the first instance. If, following that, you still have any concerns, you may contact the Information Commissioner either by letter, FOI/EIR Complaints resolution, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SM9 5AF, or by email [www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk) to take them further.

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Yours sincerely

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Gestation	Sex	Other info	Number of days
36/40	F	Awaiting family	52
16/40	?	Multi-cremation list	101
10/40	?	Multi-cremation list	84
14/40	?	Multi-cremation list	82
8/40	?	Multi-cremation list	69
11/40	?	Multi-cremation list	65
10/40	?	Multi-cremation list	57
15/40	?	Multi-cremation list	57
17/40	?	Multi-cremation list	40