

Date: 23rd February 2016

| **FOI 2284 - Referrals To SCBU and NICU**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your recent Freedom of information request regarding referrals made to the Homerton's special care baby unit and neonatal intensive care unit.

This is a FOI Request under the Freedom of Information Act (2000). This request is in relation to the transfer and referral of babies from Homerton Hospital Maternity to Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU), Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in Homerton Hospital or any other Hospital.

Information requested	Provision of information
1. Between the years of 2006 to present - please provide me with the number of babies each year transferred from Homerton	The provided data is from 2010 onward. Data prior to this date is not complete as the national neonatal data collection system was being phased into the Homerton as part of national roll out. Therefore any data on the system prior to this date would require manual extraction from hard copy

<p>Hospital Maternity (Delivery Suite and Post Natal ward) to Homerton's NICU? Please differentiate the transfers from Delivery Suite to those from the Post Natal ward.</p>	<p>documents.</p> <p>Data from 2010 onwards is stored in the national neonatal system and is reliable data. Some of the data requested has been manually extracted from the Badger system as the data field is not mandatory and therefore was not populated for some of the events. Therefore there is a component of manual and system data collection to provide the data for this request.</p> <p>Note: NICU and SCBU are one area of care. They are not separate units. The NICU covers the 3 care levels ITU, HD, SC. All data provided covers all the admissions to the unit of booked and born Homerton babies.</p> <p>ALL DATA IS LOCATED IN THE DATA BOOK FOI 2284</p>
<p>2. Between the years of 2006 to present - please provide me with the number of babies each year transferred from Homerton Hospital Maternity (Delivery Suite and Post Natal ward) to Homerton's SCBU? Please differentiate the transfers from Delivery Suite to those from the Post Natal ward.</p>	<p>See question 1</p> <p>Note: NICU and SCBU are one area of care. They are not separate units. The NICU covers the 3 care levels ITU, HD, SC. All data provided covers all the admissions to the unit of booked and born Homerton babies.</p>

<p>3. Between the years of 2006 to present - please provide me with the number of babies each year transferred/referred from Homerton Hospital Maternity (Delivery Suite and Post Natal ward) to the SCBU, NICU or any other ward/dept. in any other hospital. Please differentiate the transfers from Delivery Suite to those from the Post Natal ward.</p>	<p>ALL DATA IS LOCATED IN THE DATA BOOK FOI 2284</p> <p>Note: Transfers to other hospitals; as a regional service we transfer babies who need surgery, speciality medical ITU care and also to the neonatal unit that is closest to the family home for continuing care. This is part of the neonatal network pathways. The transfer data includes all these transfer routes. The month of transfer may be different to the month of admission due to length of stay, therefore there are some babies whose transfer takes place across the end of one year and into another</p>
<p>4. Please provide me with the month and year of the transfers and referrals (as applicable) in Ques 1 - 3 above.</p>	<p>ALL DATA IS LOCATED IN THE DATA BOOK FOI 2284</p>
<p>5. Please provide me with the reason and clinical diagnosis which prompted the transfers and referrals in Ques 1-3 above.</p>	<p>ALL DATA IS LOCATED IN THE DATA BOOK FOI 2284</p> <p>Note: on the diagnosis list are all the principle diagnoses listed on admission across the years. Each baby may have more than one diagnosis. There is likely to be more than one baby attributed to each diagnosis, particularly for prematurity.</p>
<p>6. Please provide the number of these babies that died in Ques 1-3 above.</p>	<p>ALL DATA IS LOCATED IN THE DATA BOOK FOI 2284</p> <p>The deaths detailed are attributed to babies that died in the Homerton NICU only as for deaths in other units/hospitals the information is only accessible</p>

	to those services
7. Please provide the month and year of these deaths in Ques 1-3 above.	ALL DATA IS LOCATED IN THE DATA BOOK FOI 2284 See question 6