

Freedom of Information Request: 0678

- 1. How many births have taken place each year within Trust Hospitals between 2008 - 2018 (all births and live births)**

	2008		2009		2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Live Births	All Births	Live Births	All Births	Live Births	All Births	Live Births	All Births	Live Births	All Births	Live Births	All Births
Heartlands	4876	4921	4842	4894	6315	6362	6726	6781	6575	6622	6507	6539
Solihull	2783	2792	2702	2707	881	882	345	346	358	358	280	280
Good Hope Hospital	3583	3601	3689	3706	3849	3864	3822	3837	3847	3854	3712	3722
Total	11242	11314	11233	11307	11045	11108	10893	10964	10780	10834	10499	10541
	2014		2015		2016		2017		2018			
	Live Births	All Births	Live Births	All Births	Live Births	All Births	Live Births	All Births	Live Births	All Births		
Heartlands	6284	6322	6116	6168	6347	6397	6333	6369	6298	6335		
Solihull	235	235	181	181	238	238	148	148	92	92		
Good Hope Hospital	3453	3470	3573	3580	3730	3741	3313	3321	2994	3002		
Total	9972	10027	9870	9929	10315	10376	9794	9838	9384	9429		
NB Solihull became a standalone birth unit 2010												

- 2. Does this Hospital trust have on record the number of maternal deaths - between the years 2008-2018**

<5 per year.

- 3. Is the Hospital trust able to provide with me with further details on the cause of death for each woman**

Due to the small numbers, this information is potentially identifiable. We are therefore withholding this information under section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act.

- 4. Is this Hospital Trust able to provide a detailed ethnic breakdown of all of the women who have died - i.e highlighting the number of Black African women, Black Caribbean women, British Pakistani women, White British women, British Indian women etc who have died.**

The Trust does hold this information, however we are withholding it under Section 41 of the Freedom of Information Act (information provided in confidence). This is because the information would originally have been provided to a healthcare practitioner or social worker in confidence, and we consider this duty of confidentiality to extend beyond death.

5. Within the same time frame of 2008-2018, how many complaints have been received by the Trust regarding the care and treatment of pregnant women and new mothers (new mother within this context meaning up to one year after the birth)

744.

6. Within the same time frame, can you provide a breakdown of the complaints by ethnicity - detailing for example - how many Black Caribbean pregnant women complained about their care at the Trust.

Where the ethnicity has been recorded during the time period, the number of such recorded instances is shown in the table below.

	Obstetrics	Total
Bangladeshi	6	6
Black African	5	5
Black Caribbean	6	6
Chinese	1	1
Indian	9	9
Mixed white and black Caribbean	9	9
Not stated	143	143
Other Asian	5	5
Other Black	2	2
Other ethnic category	7	7
Other mixed	4	4
Pakistani	70	70
White - British	303	303
White - other white	5	5
Total	575	575

7. Within the same time frame of 2008-2018, has the Trust outlined and implemented any specific measures in response to data such as that released by MBRRACE-UK in November 2018 - (This data revealed that Black and Asian women have a higher risk of dying in pregnancy)

The following have been implemented/introduced in response to the data released by MBRRACE-UK:

Specialist midwives in mental health, substance misuse, domestic violence, teenage pregnancy, and homeless asylum seekers and migrant women. Link workers/interpreters, language line, midwifery assistants, pregnancy support workers, and the Bethel Doula Project.