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Dear

The trust is in receipt of your information request, thank you. Please accept this formal response, which has been given the internal reference quoted above. Please quote this reference number in any correspondence.

Request

You asked us:

Question 1 - Do any of your double crewed ambulances currently carry any form of newborn warming device?

Question 2 - Which grade of staff are trained for use on newborn warming devices?

Question 3 - How many out of hospital births did your crews attend in the last 12 months?

Question 4 - How many of these home births were conveyed to hospital?

Question 5 - Do your senior clinicians (Advanced paramedics) carry any form of newborn warming device?

Question 6 - If newborn warming devices are regularly carried - what device is it that your crews carry?

We have processed your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Response

The formal Trust response follows.

The Trust confirms it holds the information you requested.



Question 1 - Do any of your double crewed ambulances currently carry any form of newborn warming device?

No

Question 2 - Which grade of staff are trained for use on newborn warming devices?

All staff are trained and shown how to use an exothermic mattress.

Question 3 - How many out of hospital births did your crews attend in the last 12 months?

Year/Month	Q3: Count of out of hospital births
2024/01	47
2024/02	39
2024/03	33
2024/04	45
2024/05	49
2024/06	41
2024/07	37
2024/08	44
2024/09	28
2024/10	Less than 10
2024/11	Less than 10
2024/12	Less than 10
12 Month Total	369

Question 4 - How many of these home births were conveyed to hospital?

Year/Month	Q4: Count of conveyed out of hospital births
2024/01	40



2024/02	28
2024/03	28
2024/04	33
2024/05	43
2024/06	31
2024/07	29
2024/08	31
2024/09	22
2024/10	Less than 10
2024/11	Less than 10
2024/12	Less than 10
12 Month Total	286

Question 5 - Do your senior clinicians (Advanced paramedics) carry any form of newborn warming device?

Critical care paramedics carry exothermic mattress for newborns.

Question 6 - If newborn warming devices are regularly carried - what device is it that your crews carry?

We currently use the transwarmer infant warming mattress.

Data Notes Date

Range:

1st Jan 2024 - 31st Dec 2024 -

Criteria

Following on-scene crew condition codes used to identify number of out of hospital births:

- J15 - Birth of child (finding)
- J16 - Born before arrival (situation)

This only includes calls where an ambulance attended the scene

Due to information governance standards figures under 10 have been removed



Less than 10, we are unable to provide exact figures as these could be identifiable to individuals.

With regards to providing analytical information, the Trust complies with the ICO Anonymisation Code of Practice. This stipulates that when providing analytical information organisations adopt a less than 10 caveat in instances where there are low numbers. By applying these parameters we are reducing the potential linking of data and making this identifiable.

Next steps

We hope you find the information provided to be of some assistance.

Should you be dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

FOI@secamb.nhs.uk

You can ask us to review our response. If you would like us to carry out a review, please let us know within 40 working days. This will be conducted by someone who was not involved in reviewing the original response, ordinarily, the Trust Data Protection Officer.

Should you remain dissatisfied following our internal review, you can complain to the [Information Commissioner's Office](#) (ICO). You should make complaints to the ICO within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review. The easiest way to lodge a complaint is through their website: www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints.

The ICO's postal address is:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator
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