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## REQUEST & RESPONSE

Please disregard this FOI if your Trust does not provide maternity services. If it does, please can you provide YES/NO responses to the following 3 questions. This information is being requested for a BBC Panorama on the impact of Covid-19 on maternity. No Trusts will be identified as a result of these responses, we are simply seeking proportions of Trusts nationally which has experienced these challenges.

1) Have you had any pregnant women who have tested positive for Covid admitted to Intensive Care?

**\*See note**

2) Have you had any asymptomatic pregnant women test positive for Covid?

**\*See note**

3) Have you had any babies admitted to NICU who have tested positive for Covid?

**We do not have a NICU at our Trust**

\* We are unable to provide personal information as requested when that information could potentially identify individuals. We are required to protect this under the General Data Protection Regulations & Data Protection Act 2018. In such circumstances section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act applies. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This states that personal data should be processed "lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner". It is the lawful aspect of this principle which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure. In such circumstances section 40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure.