



St Helens and Knowsley  
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**REQUEST**

1a) How many **STILLBIRTHS** and **NEONATAL DEATHS** (death aged 0-28 days) have been recorded by your trust in EACH of the last 5 years (including, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020, please can I have the information split by year)?

b) How many of these deaths were formally investigated as a ***serious incident?***

c) How many of these deaths have been found to be ***potentially avoidable*** by *either* internal or external investigations, including inquests?

2a) How many cases of **BRAIN INJURIES** or other **PHYSICAL INJURIES** to babies during or after birth, have been recorded by your trust, in each of the last 5 years: (including, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020, please can I have the information split by year where possible)?

b) How many of these were investigated as serious incidents?

c) How many of these have been found to be ***potentially avoidable*** by either internal or external investigations?

3a) How many **MATERNAL DEATHS** and **MATERNAL INJURIES** during or after birth, have been recorded by your trust, in each year over the last 5 years? (including, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020, please can I have the information split by year where possible)?

b) How many of these were investigated as serious incidents?

c) How many of these might have been possibly avoidable?

## RESPONSE

Please see below the data for number of babies with a brain injury includes those diagnosed with hypoxic encephalopathy grades 2/3. We are unable to provide data for those babies with a birth injury

Year	Stillbirths	Number Investigated as SI	Number potentially avoidable	Neonatal deaths up to 28 days			Brain injuries	Number Investigated as SI	Number potentially avoidable	Maternal deaths			Maternal injuries(3rd/4th degree tears)		
				Total	Number Investigated as SI	Number potentially avoidable				Total	Number Investigated as SI	Number potentially avoidable	Total	Number Investigated as SI	Number potentially avoidable
2016	14	*<5 Met the criteria detailed in the Serious Incident Framework - supporting learning to prevent recurrent – published by NHS England 2015	0	*<5	0 Met the criteria detailed in the Serious Incident Framework - supporting learning to prevent recurrent – published by NHS England 2015	0	*<5	*<5 Met the criteria detailed in the Serious Incident Framework - supporting learning to prevent recurrent – published by NHS England 2015	*<5	0	0 Met the criteria detailed in the Serious Incident Framework - supporting learning to prevent recurrent – published by NHS England 2015	0	41	0 Met the criteria detailed in the Serious Incident Framework - supporting learning to prevent recurrent – published by NHS England 2015	0
2017	15	*<5 Met the criteria detailed in the Serious Incident	0	6	*<5 Met the criteria detailed in the Serious Incident	0	*<5	*<5 Met the criteria detailed in the Serious Incident	0	0	*<5 Met the criteria detailed in the Serious Incident	0	35	*<5 Met the criteria detailed in the Serious Incident	0

		Framework - supporting learning to prevent recurrent – published by NHS England 2015			Framework - supporting learning to prevent recurrent – published by NHS England 2015			Framework - supporting learning to prevent recurrent – published by NHS England 2015			Framework-supporting learning to prevent recurrent – published by NHS England 2015			Framework - supporting learning to prevent recurrent – published by NHS England 2015	
2018	20	*<5 Met the criteria detailed in the Serious Incident Framework - supporting learning to prevent recurrent – published by NHS England 2015	0	0	*<5 Met the criteria detailed in the Serious Incident Framework - supporting learning to prevent recurrent – published by NHS England 2015	0	*<5	*<5 Met the criteria detailed in the Serious Incident Framework - supporting learning to prevent recurrent – published by NHS England 2015	0	0	*<5 Met the criteria detailed in the Serious Incident Framework-supporting learning to prevent recurrent – published by NHS England 2015	0	49	*<5 Met the criteria detailed in the Serious Incident Framework - supporting learning to prevent recurrent – published by NHS England 2015	0
2019	12	*<5 Met the criteria detailed in	0	*<5	*<5 Met the criteria detailed in	0	*<5	*<5 Met the criteria detailed in	0	0	*<5 Met the criteria detailed in	0	60	*<5 Met the criteria detailed in	0

		the Serious Incident Framework - supporting learning to prevent recurrent – published by NHS England 2015			the Serious Incident Framework - supporting learning to prevent recurrent – published by NHS England 2015			the Serious Incident Framework - supporting learning to prevent recurrent – published by NHS England 2015			the Serious Incident Framework-supporting learning to prevent recurrent – published by NHS England 2015			the Serious Incident Framework - supporting learning to prevent recurrent – published by NHS England 2015	
2020	11	*<5 Met the criteria detailed in the Serious Incident Framework - supporting learning to prevent recurrent – published by NHS England 2015	0	*<5	*<5 Met the criteria detailed in the Serious Incident Framework - supporting learning to prevent recurrent – published by NHS England 2015	0	*<5	*<5 Met the criteria detailed in the Serious Incident Framework - supporting learning to prevent recurrent – published by NHS England 2015	0	*<5	*<5 3 and one outstanding HSIB investigation from November.	0	51	*<5 Met the criteria detailed in the Serious Incident Framework - supporting learning to prevent recurrent – published by NHS England 2015	0

\* **Please note:** We are unable to provide precise figures when those figures refer to individuals in volumes of 5 or less due to the risk that individuals will be re-identified, as we are required to protect their identity under the General Data Protection Regulations & Data Protection Act 2018. In such circumstances sections 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. 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.