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REQUEST

Please can you tell me the number of women who have given birth within your Trust who are age 50 and above over the past 10 years (1 January 2013 - 23 January 2023).

Please could this be broken down by month, year and include details of the age of the woman. I would like to receive the information in an excel spreadsheet.

Month	Year	No. of Women
Jun	2019	<5
Aug	2019	<5
Mar	2020	<5
Jan	2022	<5

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 Section 40(2) and Section 40(3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply.

In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle which 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.