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## REQUEST

### Request for Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust only

Please can you tell me how many live births, stillbirths and neonatal deaths the Trust has recorded in every year between 2013-2022.

## RESPONSE

Year*	Live Births	Still Births	Neonatal Deaths
2017	2449	6	<5
2018	2260	<5	<5
2019	2300	6	<5
2020	2191	7	<5
2021	2281	8	<5
2022	2304	7	<5
2023**	1324	6	<5

\* Please note that we cannot validate and provide accurate data prior to 2017.

\*\* Information accurate up to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023.

### Section 40: personal information

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, and in such circumstances, Section 40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure.