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Dear

**Request for Information: Freedom of Information Act**

Thank you for your email of 26 December making a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. You requested the following information and the Trust is able to provide the information below in response:

Request:

1. How many births have taken place each year within Trust Hospitals between 2008 - 2018
2. Does this Hospital trust have on record the number of maternal deaths - between the years 2008-2018
3. Is the Hospital trust able to provide with me with further details on the cause of death for each woman

For example: Women A (name and personal details anonymous for data protection reasons)  
Cause of death - haemorrhage / Time Frame - immediately after birth / Date - 2010

4. Is this Hospital Trust able to provide a detailed ethnic breakdown of all of the women who have died - i.e highlighting the number of Black African women, Black Caribbean women, British Pakistani women, White British women, British Indian women etc who have died.
5. Within the same time frame of 2008-2018, how many complaints have been received by the Trust regarding the care and treatment of pregnant women and new mothers (new mother within this context meaning up to one year after the birth)
6. Within the same time frame, can you provide a breakdown of the complaints by ethnicity - detailing for example - how many Black Caribbean pregnant women complained about their care at the Trust.

7. Recent studies have highlighted that BME women suffer higher rates of maternal death (for example MBRRACE-UK released a report in November 2018 entitled "Saving Lives, Improving Mothers' Care". The report revealed that Black and Asian women have a significantly higher risk of dying in pregnancy - link here <https://www.npeu.ox.ac.uk/downloads/files/mbrance-uk/reports/MBRRACE-UK%20Maternal%20Report%202018%20-%20Web%20Version.pdf>). Between the years 2008 -2018, has the Trust outlined and implemented any specific measures in response to such data?

8. If you believe contents of any such files are exempt from disclosure, please provide summaries of any such exempt files.

Response:

No information held - Oxford Health NHS FT is a provider of specialist secondary mental health services and specialist community health services. The Trust does not provide any maternity services and holds no information in respect of your request as a result.

If you are concerned with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to me and I will ensure the decision is reviewed. The Trust will consider undertaking a review if requested to do so within 40 working days of the date the response is received by the applicant, and will apply discretion if a longer period of time has passed.

Should you wish to make a complaint as a result of the outcome of such a review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision.

Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Trust for FoI Act matters.

The ICO can be contacted at:

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

Please contact me if there are any further queries.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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