**FOI Ref: 6412**

**Category(ies): Trust – Complaints / Patients**

**Subject: Complaints from Giving Birth**

**Date Received: 30/05/2022**

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| **Your request:** | **Our response:** |
| 1. How many complaints did you receive between 1st January 2019 and 30th May 2021 from women regarding personal injuries they sustained from giving birth? | Between 1st January 2019 and 30th May 2021 there were four formal complaints received by the Trust relating to physical trauma sustained during birth. |
| 1. How many women died either in labour or within 48 hours of giving birth between 1st January 2019 and 30th May 2021? | No women died in the given period within 48 hours of giving birth. |
| 1. How many claims for compensation were settled between 1st January 2019 and 30th May 2021 for injuries sustained by women giving birth or during pregnancy? | Having reviewed our records on Datix during the period 1st January 2019 – 30th May 2021, the Trust has settled 4 claims relating to injuries sustained by women giving birth or during pregnancy. |
| 1. Of those women who complained or sought compensation about injuries they sustained giving birth, how many experienced Post Natal Depression? | Having reviewed all complaints during the period requested there is no reference made in any of the complaints made to having experienced postnatal depression. However, this does not mean that women have not sought support from another source/agency.  One of the above women accessed our Birth Afterthoughts service during another pregnancy to discuss her anxiety around her pending birth but there is no evidence that she suffered from PND. |
| 1. How many claims for compensation were settled between 1st January 2019 and 30th May 2021 for babies injured due to negligent antenatal, perinatal or postnatal care? | We have not had any claims between 1st January 2019 and 30th May 2021 that we have settled relating to negligent antenatal, perinatal or postnatal care |
| 1. Do you have a policy or target to restrict the number of caesarean section performed? | No, we have removed any Key performance Indicators around the number of caesarean sections from any of our maternity dashboards. |