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Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

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Information requested:

I'm just getting in touch to see if it'd be possible to get up to date figures on the amount of incubators available in Wales at any one time and whether you'd have up to date figures on the amount of non-clinical neonatal transfers in Wales?

Clarification requested 20th October:

I have been asked to clarify with you what is meant by ***a non-clinical neonatal transfer***. Under Freedom of Information Act the process of providing an answer within 20 working days ceases until the clarification is received.

Clarification received 20th October:

I mean transfers that were necessary due to lack of capacity at a local hospital rather than because of medical need.

So far example if a premature baby needed to be transferred from Singleton to the Heath because there weren't enough incubators at Singleton rather than for surgery at the Heath NICU.

Information provided for the answer:

In South Wales there are the following cots:

- Stabilisation cots - 9
- Intensive care cots - 19
- High dependency cots - 38
- Special care cots - 58

In 2016 there were a total of 605 transfers undertaken by the neonatal transport service of which 150 were for capacity reasons.

In North Wales there are the following cots:

- Stabilisation cots - 3
- Intensive care cots - 2
- High dependency cots - 8
- Special care cots - 28

In 2016 there were a total of 139 transfers undertaken by the neonatal transport service of which 1 was for capacity reasons.

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