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Dear Sir/Madam

Request for Information

We are writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information you requested.

A copy of the information is below:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could you share the percentage rate of compliance for daily temperature checks of mortuary fridges used to store foetal remains for the period January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2025.

Could this data please be divided by care provider/hospital and month.

Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust has two fridges: one for infant mortality cases and one for foetal remains. Compliance rates for both are provided below.

The data below presents Torbay Hospital's infant fridge temperature check records.

2020			
Month	Days	Completed	% completed
Jan	31	31	100.0%
Feb	29	29	100.0%
Mar	31	31	100.0%
Apr	30	30	100.0%
May	31	31	100.0%
Jun	30	30	100.0%
Jul	31	31	100.0%
Aug	31	29	93.5%
Sep	30	30	100.0%
Oct	31	31	100.0%
Nov	30	30	100.0%
Dec	31	31	100.0%

2021			
Month	Days	Completed	% completed
Jan	31	31	100.0%
Feb	28	28	100.0%
Mar	31	31	100.0%
Apr	30	30	100.0%
May	31	31	100.0%
Jun	30	30	100.0%
Jul	31	31	100.0%
Aug	31	31	100.0%
Sep	30	30	100.0%
Oct	31	31	100.0%
Nov	30	30	100.0%
Dec	31	31	100.0%
total	365	365	100.0%

2022			
Month	Days	Completed	% completed
Jan	31	31	100.0%
Feb	28	28	100.0%
Mar	31	31	100.0%
Apr	30	30	100.0%
May	31	31	100.0%
Jun	30	30	100.0%
Jul	31	31	100.0%
Aug	31	31	100.0%
Sep	30	30	100.0%
Oct	31	31	100.0%
Nov	30	30	100.0%
Dec*	31	24	77.4%
total	365	358	98.1%

2023			
Month	Days	Completed	% completed
Jan*	31	9	29.0%
Feb	28	26	92.9%
Mar	31	29	93.5%
Apr	30	30	100.0%
May	31	26	83.9%
Jun	30	25	83.3%
Jul	31	26	83.9%
Aug	31	31	100.0%
Sep	30	30	100.0%
Oct	31	31	100.0%
Nov	30	30	100.0%
Dec	31	31	100.0%
total	365	324	88.8%

2024			
Month	Days	Completed	% completed
Jan	31	30	96.8%
Feb	29	27	93.1%
Mar	31	31	100.0%
Apr	30	30	100.0%
May	31	31	100.0%
Jun	30	29	96.7%
Jul	31	31	100.0%
Aug	31	31	100.0%
Sep	30	30	100.0%
Oct	31	31	100.0%
Nov	30	30	100.0%
Dec	31	31	100.0%
total	366	362	98.9%

*Please note that compliance declined significantly in late 2022 and early 2023 due to exceptional operational and staffing pressures within the department.

The data below presents Torbay Hospital's foetal loss fridge temperature check records.

2020			
Month	Days	Completed	% completed
Jan	31	31	100.0%
Feb	29	29	100.0%
Mar	31	31	100.0%
Apr	30	30	100.0%
May	31	31	100.0%
Jun	30	30	100.0%
Jul	31	No Data	No Data
Aug	31	31	100.0%
Sep	30	30	100.0%
Oct	31	30	96.8%
Nov	30	28	93.3%
Dec	31	30	96.8%

2021			
Month	Days	Completed	% completed
Jan	31	31	100.0%
Feb	28	28	100.0%
Mar	31	30	96.8%
Apr	30	29	96.7%
May	31	31	100.0%
Jun	30	29	96.7%
Jul	31	31	100.0%
Aug	31	30	96.8%
Sep	30	29	96.7%
Oct	31	31	100.0%
Nov	30	30	100.0%
Dec	31	30	96.8%
total	365	359	98.4%

2022			
Month	Days	Completed	% completed
Jan	31	31	100.0%
Feb	28	27	96.4%
Mar	31	30	96.8%
Apr	30	30	100.0%
May	31	31	100.0%
Jun	30	29	96.7%
Jul	31	31	100.0%
Aug	31	30	96.8%
Sep	30	30	100.0%
Oct	31	30	96.8%
Nov	30	30	100.0%
Dec	31	31	93.5%
total	365	360	98.6%

2023			
Month	Days	Completed	% completed
Jan	31	31	100.0%
Feb	28	25	89.3%
Mar	31	31	100.0%
Apr	30	29	96.7%
May	31	31	100.0%
Jun	30	30	100.0%
Jul	31	31	100.0%
Aug	31	31	100.0%
Sep	30	28	93.3%
Oct	31	29	93.5%
Nov	30	30	100.0%
Dec	31	31	100.0%
total	365	357	97.8%

2024			
Month	Days	Completed	% completed
Jan	31	28	90.3%
Feb	29	29	100.0%
Mar	31	30	96.8%
Apr	30	30	100.0%
May	31	30	96.8%
Jun	30	29	96.7%
Jul	31	31	100.0%
Aug	31	31	100.0%
Sep	30	30	100.0%
Oct	31	31	100.0%
Nov	30	28	93.3%
Dec	31	31	100.0%
total	366	358	97.8%

2025			
Month	Days	Completed	% completed
Jan	31	31	100.0%
Feb	28	28	100.0%
Mar	31	31	100.0%
Apr	30	30	100.0%
May	31	29	93.5%
Jun	30	30	100.0%
Jul	31	31	100.0%
Aug	31	30	96.8%
Sep	30	30	100.0%
Oct	31	31	100.0%
Nov	30	29	96.7%
Dec	31	29	93.5%
total	365	359	98.4%

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team