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1. *The number of babies born in the hospital during the last three years diagnosed with Class-A drug addictions, broken down by year.*

	2009	2010	2011
Babies born who were diagnosed with Class-A drug addictions known as NAS (Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome)	<5	11	12

We are unable to provide details that may identify any person. Accordingly, our response to this question is there has been < 5 known cases of babies born who were diagnosed with Class-A drug addictions known as NAS (Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome).

2. *The number of babies born in the hospital during the last three years diagnosed with HIV, broken down by year.*

No babies were born at Southend NHS Foundation Trust with a diagnosis of HIV during the last 3 years.

3. *The number of babies born in the hospital during the last three years who were immediately referred to social services at the parents' behest or at clinicians' recommendation, broken down by year and reason for referral.*

We may hold the information requested but this information is not recorded separately and to retrieve and collate it would involve going through each individual child protection (CP) referrals completed within the last 3 years and manually reading each Common Assessment Framework (CAF) to record the information about the reasons behind the referral.

We have estimated that it would take more than 18 hours to locate all the information you have requested and that the associated cost would therefore exceed the appropriate fee limit of £450 set out under Freedom of Information & Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2007.

The fee limit specified in regulations for NHS trusts represents the cost of one person spending 2½ working days at a rate of £25 per hour determining whether the Trust holds the information sought and then locating, retrieving and extracting that information.

Having regard to section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, in circumstances where the fee limit is likely to be exceeded, the Trust is not obliged to respond to the request. Accordingly, we are sorry but on this occasion we will not be processing this part of your request further.