

17 May 2022

Subject: PAEDIATRIC PATHOLOGY SERVICES

Re: Paediatric pathology services – Northern Ireland

I refer to the above and am requesting information in relation to same under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please can you provide the following information:

1a/ How many paediatric post mortem examinations have been performed on patients from Northern Ireland from 2019 – to April 2022?

2019 – April 2022 the total number of post mortem referrals is 598

1b/Can we have this information broken down into calendar years please – i.e. how many were carried out in 2019, 2020, 2021, and to April 2022?

2/ Please provide the ages of the children in each calendar year.

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| 2019 the total number of post mortem referrals is | 163 |
| Age range of post mortem case referrals | 12 wks gestation - 10 wks old |
| 2020 the total number of post mortem referrals is | 155 |
| Age range of post mortem case referrals | 12 wks gestation - 15 wks old |
| 2021 the total number of post mortem referrals is | 217 |
| Age range of post mortem case referrals | 12 wks gestation - 13 days old |
| 2022 the total number of post mortem referrals is (1 Jan – 30 April) | 63 |
| Age range of post mortem case referrals | 11 wks gestation - 1 day old |