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Miscarried Babies Reported as Discarded, Lost or Contaminated

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This FOI follows this article <https://www.gazette-news.co.uk/news/25393764.essex-womans-miscarried-baby-lost-hospital-contaminated/>. I would like to obtain the following information:

- **The number of miscarried babies that were reported as discarded, lost, or contaminated within the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust for the past five years.**
- **A breakdown of these incidents by year**

Review of cases carried out January 2020 to December 2024 related to miscarriage, i.e. lost, discarded or contaminated

There were two cases in 2024 where formalin was used in error instead of saline to immerse tissue for transfer to laboratory. Staff error.

- **A breakdown of any costs due to these incidents - none**

None

- **A breakdown of hours spent by NHS workers either attempting to find or reporting or spending time on these incidents**

None