

FOI 2931

14<sup>th</sup> March 2025**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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I would like to request the following data on a monthly basis for the period from 1st January 2024 - 31st December 2024:

- 1. Total number of births**
- 2. Number of straightforward vaginal births**
- 3. Number of forceps births**
- 4. Number of vacuum births**
- 5. Number of elective caesareans**
- 6. Number of emergency caesareans**
- 7. Number of inductions (and the birth outcomes)**
- 8. Number of episiotomies**
- 9. Number of 3rd/4th degree tears**
- 10. Number of water births**
- 11. Number of home births**
- 12. Number of Midwifery-Led Unit (MLU) births on each site DHH and CAH**

**Response:**

Please see attached document for response to questions 1 to 12.

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The Trust has a legal duty to protect patient confidentiality, in line with this duty the figure <5 has been provided where figures are very low. This is because of the potential risk of identification of an individual. In reaching this decision the Trust has taken into account the small geographical area which the Trust serves. In addition the Trust has taken into account the fact that all information disclosed in response to an FOI is disclosed to the 'world at large' and is published on the Trust website.

S 40 (2) (third party information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied to exempt the redacted information from disclosure. The Trust does not consider the disclosure of the redacted information to be fair to the individuals concerned as there is the potential risk of identification of an individual(s) which they would not expect, and which would therefore breach the fairness element of the first principle of the Data Protection Act 2018.

### 13. Number of women under continuity of care

**Response:**

Please see table below the number of women under Continuity of Care from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.

| JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 131 | 130 | 150 | 141 | 215 | 253 | 243 | 243 | 242 | 244 | 248 | 245 |

### 14. Number of successful Vaginal Births after Caesarean (VBAC)

### 15. Number of cases of Shoulder Dystocia (SD)

**Response:**

Please see attached document for response to questions 14 & 15.

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