

FOI 3379

28th October 2025

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

I would like to request the following data on a monthly basis for the period from 1st January 2025 – 31st July 2025. Please provide separate tables for Daisy Hill Hospital and Craigavon Area Hospital.

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. Total Number of inductions (and the subsequent birth interventions/outcomes (a) to (e) below)
 - a. Forceps
 - b. Vacuum
 - c. Elective caesarean
 - d. Emergency caesarean
 - e. Normal delivery
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
13. Number of women under continuity of care
14. Number of successful Vaginal Births after Caesarean (VBAC)
15. Number of cases of Shoulder Dystocia (SD)

Response:

Please see attachment 1 – Craigavon Area Hospital birth data and attachment 2 – Daisy Hill Hospital birth data.

The Trust has a legal duty to protect patient confidentiality and, 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 and the sensitivity of the information requested. 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 exact figures from disclosure. The Trust does not consider the disclosure of the 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

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