

FOI3501

23rd December 2025

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

1. What is the annual number of patients you see in your unit with an early pregnancy complication?

Response:

Within Southern Health and Social Care Trust (SHSCT) early pregnancy unit the annual number of patients seen from 1 January 2023 to 1 January 2024 was 4153. Breakdown of outpatient appointments as below.

Type of appointment	Number of attendances
New Urgent	1801
New Routine	670
Urgent Review	1151
Routine Review	531

2. How many patients were diagnosed as an ectopic pregnancy?

Response:

The total number of patients diagnosed as an ectopic pregnancy for the SHSCT from 1 January 2023 to 1 January 2024 is 50.

3. How many patients were treated as a pregnancy of unknown location?

Response:

The total number of patients treated as pregnancy of unknown location for the SHSCT from 1 January 2023 to 1 January 2024 is 15.

4. Of the PUL group, how many patients went on to be confirmed as an ectopic pregnancy?

Response:

The total number of patients treated as pregnancy of unknown location for the SHSCT from 1 January 2023 to 1 January 2024 is 15.

5. Number of reported patient safety incidents related to ectopic pregnancy?

Response:

There was 5 or less reported patient safety incident related to ectopic pregnancy within the specified time frame.

The Trust has a legal duty to protect patient confidentiality and, in line with this duty, the figure 5 or <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

6. For each incident, please specify degree of harm:

- No harm
- Near miss
- Low
- Moderate
- Severe

Response:

SHSCT does not record degree of harm using the parameters specified above.

7. For each moderate/severe incident, please specify details (e.g. late diagnosis, haemorrhage, etc).

Response:

N/A

8. How many moderate/severe incidents went on to be declared as a serious incident?

Response:

N/A

9. What was the learning for the serious incidents if any?

Response:

N/A