

FOI 3515

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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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**I wish to know some local statistics from the southern trust maternity services from the last available recorded year in regards to the following;**

- Success rate of vaginal birth following induction of labour prior to 41 weeks gestation**
- rate of births that resulted in caesarian sections following induction of labour at any gestation**
- overall incidence of shoulder dystocia in vaginal births**
- incidence of shoulder dystocia in vaginal births which were induced prior to 41 weeks**
- incidence of shoulder dystocia in vaginal births from spontaneous labour at any gestation**

**Response:**

Please see attached spreadsheets 1 - 5

The Trust has a legal duty to protect patient confidentiality and, in line with this duty, the figure less than 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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