

FOI 3653

11th March 2026

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Can you please provide the following information:

- **How much in total was spent by maternity departments you are responsible for, for each calendar year dating back to 2016? Including all staffing, equipment and other costs.**
 - The preference is for calendar years, but if the information is more easily recovered by financial years and converting to calendar years would make the request exceed the Section 12 cost limit, delivering the data by financial year would be okay.
 - Likewise, if it would exceed the Section 12 cost limit to extract data beyond a certain year, providing data for as many years as would not exceed the limit would be okay.

Response

The table below outlines the total expenditure for the maternity services we are responsible for, by financial year, from 2016/17 to 2025/26. These figures include all staffing, equipment, and associated costs.

Year	Total £'m
2025/26	24.9 (month 10)
2024/25	28.9
2023/24	26.2
2022/23	25.8
2021/22	24.1
2020/21	23.0
2019/20	22.1
2018/19	20.0
2017/18	19.6
2016/17	18.8

Finance Notes

2025/26 year spend is up to and including January 26

Total spend includes pay and non-pay

Spend provided is by financial year

Excludes gynae services

- **How many cycles of IVF treatment do you offer to eligible patients?**

Response:

The Southern Health and Social Care Trust does not provide or deliver IVF treatment, as this service is offered regionally by the Belfast Trust. Consequently, our maternity services do not offer any IVF cycles.

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