

Request title: Maternity Care Information

Date of Response: 10th August 2015

Further to your Freedom of Information request, the Trust has answered your questions in the order they appear in your request.

Request

Please could you supply me with the following information regarding the labours and subsequent births of women in your Trust:

1. How many labours were recorded for each of the previous three calendar years for each of these birth options:
 - a) home birth
 - b) birth in midwife-led unit
 - c) hospital birth (obstetrician-led unit)
2. Please list for each category how many labours resulted in caesarean delivery.
3. Of the caesarean deliveries listed above, please state the number which were elective and out of those, which were booked on request of the patient.
4. If you hold information on the average cost for each birth option (home birth, midwife-led birth, hospital birth and additionally for caesarean), please can you provide this.

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1. Please see the table below for the Trusts response to this question.

	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Home births	146 commenced labour 1 born by emergency CS	126 commenced labour 2 born by emergency CS	120 commenced labour 2 born by emergency CS
Midwife led unit births	626 commenced labour 34 born by CS	1,096 commenced labour 89 born by CS	1,083 commenced labour 65 born by CS
Hospital births	2846 commenced labour 401 born by emergency CS 605 born by elective CS	2408 commenced labour 458 born by emergency CS 565 born by elective CS	2286 commenced labour 411 born by emergency CS 540 born by elective CS

2. Please see the table above for the Trusts response to this question.
3. All caesarean sections requested by patients will have other contributory factors and been assessed on an individual basis and we therefore we do not record patient request as an indication.
4. The Trust does not hold this information on its systems.