



20 August 2025

**Our Ref:** FOI 1291

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in relation to Birth Statistics**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to above which you requested on 18 July 2025. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request. Thank you for your understanding and forbearance.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Surgery & Elective, Maternity & Paediatric Services Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the Information Governance Department, Lough House, Ards Community Hospital ([informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net](mailto:informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net)) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, within 20 working days of receipt.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office –Northern Ireland, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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**Rebecca Manning**  
Information Governance Officer

**Q1. The total number of live births recorded at your trust for the year 2024.**

A1. There were 3610 live births recorded at the Trust for the year 2024.

**Q2. Total number of stillbirths recorded at your trust for the year 2024.  
(Stillbirths as defined by the Office for National Statistics: a baby born after 24 weeks of pregnancy showing no signs of life.)**

A2. There were 10 stillbirths recorded at the Trust for the year 2024.

**Q3. The total number of neonatal deaths recorded at your trust for the year 2024.  
(Neonatal deaths as defined by the Office for National Statistics: The death of a live born baby within the first 28 days of life.)**

A3. There were 6 neonatal deaths recorded at the Trust for the year 2024.