

8 April 2019

Our Ref: RFI 27876

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to Maternity 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 the above which you requested on 12 March 2019.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Hospital 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) 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

**Catherine Treanor
Information Governance Assistant**

1.
 - (a) ***In 2014, how many mothers who gave birth within South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust facilities were domiciled in England, Wales or Scotland?***
 - (b) ***Of these, how many gave birth in the first half of 2014 (ie 1 January 2014 – 30 June 2014)?***
 - (c) ***Of these, how many gave birth in the second half of 2014 (ie 1 July 2014 – 31 December 2014)?***

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 - (a) ***In 2015, how many mothers who gave birth within South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust facilities were domiciled in England, Wales or Scotland?***
 - (b) ***Of these, how many gave birth in the first half of 2015 (ie 1 January 2015 – 30 June 2015)?***
 - (c) ***Of these, how many gave birth in the second half of 2015 (ie 1 July 2015 – 31 December 2015)?***
 - (d) ***What was the actual variance between the number of births in 2015 and the immediately preceding year (expressed as a plus or a minus)?***
 - (e) ***What was the overall percentage variance between the number of births in 2015 and the immediately preceding year (expressed as a plus or a minus)?***

3.
 - (a) ***In 2016, how many mothers who gave birth within South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust facilities were domiciled in England, Wales or Scotland?***
 - (b) ***Of these, how many gave birth in the first half of 2016 (ie 1 January 2016 – 30 June 2016)?***
 - (c) ***Of these, how many gave birth in the second half of 2016 (ie 1 July 2016 – 31 December 2016)?***
 - (d) ***What was the actual variance between the number of births in 2016 and the immediately preceding year (expressed as a plus or a minus)?***
 - (e) ***What was the overall percentage variance between the number of births in 2016 and the immediately preceding year (expressed as a plus or a minus)?***

4.
 - (a) ***In 2017, how many mothers who gave birth within South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust facilities were domiciled in England, Wales or Scotland?***
 - (b) ***Of these, how many gave birth in the first half of 2017 (ie 1 January 2017 – 30 June 2017)?***
 - (c) ***Of these, how many gave birth in the second half of 2017 (ie 1 July 2017 – 31 December 2017)?***
 - (d) ***What was the actual variance between the number of births in 2017 and the immediately preceding year (expressed as a plus or a minus)?***

(e) **What was the overall percentage variance between the number of births in 2017 and the immediately preceding year (expressed as a plus or a minus)?**

5.

(a) **In 2018, how many mothers who gave birth within South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust facilities were domiciled in England, Wales or Scotland?**

(b) **Of these, how many gave birth in the first half of 2018 (ie 1 January 2018 – 30 June 2018)?**

(c) **Of these, how many gave birth in the second half of 2018 (ie 1 July 2018 – 31 December 2018)?**

(d) **What was the actual variance between the number of births in 2018 and the immediately preceding year (expressed as a plus or a minus)?**

(e) **What was the overall percentage variance between the number of births in 2018 and the immediately preceding year (expressed as a plus or a minus)?**

NB: I am only concerned with the number of mothers who give birth. No account is to be made of still births or multiple births.

Please see Table 1 completed below. Please note the figures for (a), (b), (c) are based on address and postcode. Figures for part (d) and (e) are based on total number of births excluding still and multiple births.

Table 1

FOI No.	Year	Number of mothers who gave birth within South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust facilities who were domiciled in England, Wales or Scotland	Actual variance from previous year (+/-) (FOI (d))	Percentage variance from previous year (+/-) (FOI (e))
1(a)	2014 (Total)	7		
1(b)	<i>1 Jan – 30 June</i>	2		
1(c)	<i>1 July – 31 Dec</i>	5		
2(a)	2015 (Total)	1	+111	+2.6%
2(b)	<i>1 Jan – 30 June</i>	1		
2(c)	<i>1 July – 31 Dec</i>	0		
3(a)	2016 (Total)	2	-103	-2.3%
3(b)	<i>1 Jan – 30 June</i>	1		
3(c)	<i>1 July – 31 Dec</i>	1		
4(a)	2017 (Total)	0	-149	-3.5%
4(b)	<i>1 Jan – 30 June</i>	0		
4(c)	<i>1 July – 31 Dec</i>	0		
5(a)	2018 (Total)	1	+64	+1.5%
5(b)	<i>1 Jan – 30 June</i>	0		
5(c)	<i>1 July – 31 Dec</i>	1		