

Information Governance

14 April 2021

**Our Ref:** RFI 38234

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in relation to Cord Clamping in Births within the Trust.**

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 15 March 2021.

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](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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**Please provide the figures for each of the last 5 years (please provide data for each calendar year data 2015-2020).**

**Please provide the following figures per calendar year:**

**Q1. How many live births occurred in your organisation (please break this down to premature and term babies).**

A1. Please see Attachment 1 - Live Births Breakdown by Hospital from 2015 to 2020.

**Q2. How many of these live births had cord clamping as being recorded at being at or after one minute? (Please break this down to premature and term babies).**

A2. The Trust does not record this level of detail for cord clamping therefore is unable to respond to this request for information.  
However, the Trust is able to provide volumes for 'delayed cord clamping' as detailed in Attachment 1.

**Q3. Please provide the numbers where cord clamping occurred before one minute (please break this down to premature and term babies).**

**Q4. How many times this was not documented (please break this down to premature and term babies).**

A. In response to Question 3 & 4 the Trust does not record this level of detail for cord clamping therefore is unable to respond to this request for information.

**Q5. Please provide any audits in the last 5 years on cord clamping times.**

A5. The Trust does not audit cord clamping therefore is unable to respond to this request for information.

**Q6. Is it mandatory to record the cord clamping time on any of your systems?**

A6. This level of detail for cord clamping is not recorded on any of the Trust's systems; therefore the Trust is unable to respond to this request for information.