

3 August 2023

Our Ref: RFI 51776

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 the above which you requested on 22 June 2023. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request, thank you for your understanding and forbearance of this matter.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Surgery, Elective Care, Maternity & Paediatrics 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

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Information Governance Officer

Q1. Can I request the number of live births, stillbirths, inductions and caesareans (split by elective and unplanned) for primips at ulster hospital, month by month, for 2022 and 2023 to date?

A1. Please see Table 1

Table 1

DOB Year	DOB Month	Live - Total	Still - Total	Total inductions	Elective C. Section	Emergency C. Section
2022	January	124	<5	59	14	35
2022	February	121	Nil	54	20	30
2022	March	144	Nil	54	30	36
2022	April	136	Nil	53	23	41
2022	May	136	Nil	75	22	32
2022	June	138	Nil	72	26	31
2022	July	151	Nil	75	12	59
2022	August	131	Nil	67	24	30
2022	September	163	Nil	91	30	40
2022	October	159	Nil	73	32	49
2022	November	132	<5	75	30	33
2022	December	125	Nil	75	24	39
2023	January	136	<5	72	22	48
2023	February	125	Nil	66	28	35
2023	March	145	Nil	79	21	41
2023	April	125	Nil	74	25	26
2023	May	110	Nil	67	17	23
2023	June	144	<5	71	27	40

Please note where numbers in individual cells are 1-4, within Table 1, in line with Trust policy, it is given as <5, to reduce any risk of identification of individual patients.