



3 April 2024

Our Ref: RFI 55876

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Births at Ulster Hospital Maternity Ward**

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 16 January 2024. 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) 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

Rebecca Manning
Information Governance Officer

I would like to request the statistics for December 2023 in the Ulster Hospital Maternity Ward, specifically:

Q1. Number of births in total?

A1. There was a total of 307 births on the Maternity Ward in December 2023.

Q2. Number of births on labour ward?

A2. There was a total of 261 births on the Labour Ward in December 2023.

Q3. Number of births in home from home?

A3. There was a total of 46 births in home from home in December 2023.

Q4. Number of home births?

A4. There was a total of 2 home births in December 2023.

Q5. Number of vaginal deliveries?

A5. There was a total of 176 vaginal deliveries in December 2023.

Q6. Number of c-sections (how many emergency and how many elective)?

A6. There was a total of 67 emergency C-sections and 63 elective C-sections in December 2023.

Q7. Number of spontaneous vaginal deliveries?

A7. There was a total of 145 spontaneous vaginal deliveries in December 2023.

Q8. Number of induced labours?

A8. There was a total of 110 induced labours in December 2023.

Q9. Number of instrumental deliveries?

A9. There was a total of 31 instrumental deliveries in December 2023.

Q10. Breastfeeding % for first feed?

A10. There was a total of 64% breastfeeding for the first feed in December 2023.