

Trust Headquarters
 Russells Hall Hospital
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Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

We would appreciate if you would kindly complete this short but important survey. This information would help us to establish accurate prevalence data and establish the current national practice regarding follow-up of third- and fourth-degree tears between 31st December 2023- 1st January 2024 and correlate data with the maternity dashboard.

Response

Name of Hospital / Unit	The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust			
Address	<u>Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley, DY1 2HQ</u>			
	Total	Primiparous	Multiparous	Don't Know
All Births	4119	3171	948	
Vaginal deliveries	1987	1422	565	
Forceps deliveries	205	195	10	
Ventouse deliveries	104	97	7	
Failed ventouse → Forceps deliveries		Unable to provide – information not routinely recorded		
Caesarean Section	1811	1445	366	

Elective caesarean section	789	587	202	
Emergency caesarean Section	1022	858	164	
Second degree tears	729	633	96	
Sutured second degree tears	687	604	83	
Episiotomies	454	439	15	
Third degree tears	47	46	1	
3a	26	26	0	
3b	15	14	1	
3c	6	6	0	
Fourth degree tears	3	3	0	
Rectal buttonhole tear		Information not recorded		

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

Information Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
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www.ico.org.uk

If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team
The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust**