

Date: 11/08/2015

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/012334 – Births**

Please could you supply me with the following information regarding the labours and subsequent births of women in your Trust:

1. How many labours were recorded for each of the previous three calendar years for each of these birth options:
  - a) home birth
  - b) birth in midwife-led unit
  - c) hospital birth (obstetrician-led unit)

<b>1</b>	<b>No. of births</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>a</b>	Home Births	57	68	58
<b>b</b>	Midwife Led	1863	1407	859
<b>c</b>	Consultant Led	3007	3187	3500
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4927</b>	<b>4662</b>	<b>4417</b>

2. Please list for each category how many labours resulted in caesarean delivery.

<b>2</b>	<b>No. of births</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
	Midwife Led - Elective C Section	18	6	2
	Consultant Led - Elective C Section	592	510	520
	<b>Total</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>522</b>

3. Of the caesarean deliveries listed above, please state the number which were elective and out of those, which were booked on request of the patient.

Caesarean sections based on patient requests are not recorded.

4. If you hold information on the average cost for each birth option (home birth, midwife-led birth, hospital birth and additionally for caesarean), please can you provide this

	<b>Average Cost</b>
<b>Delivery</b>	
Home Birth	£1,160.53
Midwifery Led Birth	£698.71
Obstetrics Led Birth	£2,142.10
Obstetrics Led Birth Caesarean	£3,684.83