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Obstetric Statistics for Hospitals in Belfast Trust for 2022 and 2023

I would like to put in a Freedom of Information request to find out the obstetric statistics for hospitals in Belfast Trust for 2022 and 2023 to date.

I would specifically like to know, on a month by month basis, per hospital, the number of:

1. Births
2. Spontaneous vaginal births
3. Ventouse and forceps instrumental births
4. Home births
5. Midwifery-led unit / birth centre births
6. Inductions
7. Planned caesareans
8. Emergency caesareans (split by Robson group, if available)
9. Stillbirths

For response to questions 1 to 9 see separate Excel spreadsheet.

Note: Where numbers are very small, i.e. less than 5 (<5), it has not been possible to provide exact figures. The information is exempt from release under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act - as this could make patients personally identifiable. Disclosure would constitute a breach of the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation 2018.

10. Cooled babies

Due to the very small number of cooled babies each month, again it has not been possible to provide these figures by month.

Total Admissions to Royal Maternity Hospital: Period 01/01/2022 to 31/08/2023

Year	No. of Cooled Babies
Total 01/01/2022 - 31/12/2022	10
Total 01/01/2023 - 31/08/2023	Less than 5 (<5)

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Notes:

Due to the delays in clinical coding it has only been possible to provide information until 31 August 2023.

- 11. 3rd & 4th degree tears**
- 12. Postpartum haemorrhages**
- 13. Breast fed babies at birth**

For response to questions 11 to 13 see separate Excel spreadsheet.

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