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## Inductions and Elective Caesarean Sections

1. The number of inductions carried out by the Trust each month since 1/1/23, broken down by location.

Month	No. of Inductions Royal Jubilee Maternity Service
Jan-23	170
Feb-23	140
Mar-23	155
Apr-23	162
May-23	154
Jun-23	155
Jul-23	151
Aug-23	155
Sep-23	145
Oct-23	167
Nov-23	142
Dec-23	130
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1826</b>

Source: Northern Ireland Maternity System via Data Warehouse

2. The induction rate compared to the overall birth rate in 2023, broken down by location.

<b>Total Inductions for 2023</b>	1826
<b>Total Births 2023</b>	4753
<b>1826 inductions as a percentage of births total</b>	4753 = 38.42%

3. The induction rate compared to the overall birth rate at the Trust in 2023.

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**4. The number of inductions delayed or postponed by the Trust each month since 1/1/23, broken down by reason and location.**

It would take more than 18 hours to provide this information as to do so would require a manual trawl of monthly lists consisting of over 120 women per month, which would then require manual cross-checking across multiple data sources.

Belfast Trust considers that the cost of retrieving the information would be above the 'Appropriate Limit', as defined by the Freedom of Information Act under Section 12. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit has been specified as £450 for public authorities such as Belfast Trust. This represents the cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.

**5. The number of elective Caesarean sections delayed or postponed each month since 1/1/23, broken down by reason and location.**

As above, it would take more than 18 hours to provide this information due to numbers involved and the requirement for a manual trawl and cross-checking.

Again, Belfast Trust considers that the cost of retrieving the information would be above the 'Appropriate Limit', as defined by the Freedom of Information Act under Section 12.