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Maternity Statistics January 2024

Please may I request figures for maternity statistics fir RJMH, Belfast, for the month of January 2024.

FOI 30480	Jan-24
Number of babies born	407
Number of spontaneous vaginal births*	116
Number of home births	<5
Number of induction of labour	140
Births in ABC unit	20
Births on labour ward	381
How many shifts homebirth services were unavailable for?	0
Breastfeeding rate at delivery	60%
Number of instrumental births	59
Number of caesarean births (babies born)**	149
Elective caesarean (Mums Delivered)	73
Emergency caesareans (Mums Delivered)	71
Number of successful VBACs	12

Use of < 5 (less than five): We are unable to provide an exact figure - exempt from release under section 40(2) of the FOI Act - as this could make patients personally identifiable. Disclosure would constitute a breach of the principles of the General Data Protection Regulations 2018.

Definition used for *Spontaneous Vaginal Births - Spontaneous Onset , vaginal birth excluding Ventouse and Forceps instrumental births.

**Number of caesarean births (babies born) - please note this includes multiple births

Source: Northern Ireland Maternity System via Data Warehouse