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Caesarean Sections

1.The total number of caesarean sections (elective and emergency) carried out in each of the last five calendar years (or financial years, if that is how data is recorded)					
	Year		Elective	Emergency	
	2024		862	844	
	2023		818	797	
	2022		750	700	
	2021		689	733	
	2020		635	738	
2 The number of serious adverse incidents (SAIs) reported in relation to caesarean sections during the same period. Please break this down by year.					
	Year		Number		
	2024		<5		
	2023		0		
	2022		<5		
	2021		<5		
	2020		0		
3.Summary of the types of SAIs recorded	Year	Maternal injuries (e.g., haemorrhage, organ injury, sepsis)	Neonatal injuries or deaths	Anaesthetic complications	Surgical complications
	2024	6	10	0	<5
	2023	<5	5	0	0
	2022	<5	<5	0	<5
	2021	<5	7	0	<5
	2020	<5	<5	0	<5
	4. The number of maternal deaths and neonatal deaths following caesarean sections in each year.				
		Maternal Deaths post C/S		Neonatal Deaths	
2022		<5		11	
2023		0		15	

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	2022	0	16	
	2021	0	13	
	2020	0	17	
5. Any internal reviews, audits, or investigations conducted specifically into adverse outcomes or safety concerns related to caesarean sections in the past five years. If possible, please provide copies or summaries of these.	<p>When there is an adverse outcome related to a Caesarean section, the case is reviewed by the multi-disciplinary Maternity Incident Review Group. It is also discussed at the weekly Maternity Live Governance meeting where a case could progress to being reviewed using SEA or RCA methodology. Any applicable issues may be identified through the Perinatal Mortality Review of stillbirths and neonatal deaths.</p> <p>The learning from any audits is presented at the monthly Patient Safety Audit and Mortality meeting.</p>			
6. Number of maternity beds	Total: 61			
7. Number of consultants	15.5 WTE Consultant Obstetricians			

Where numbers are low we have indicated <5 rather than give the exact figure. We feel that providing the exact figure has the potential to make people identifiable and so that information is exempt from release under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.