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## Information on Vaginal Breech Births and C-Sections Follow-up Questions

Following Belfast Trust response of 11 November 2022 to FOI/28157: It's disappointing to see that the majority of my queries cannot be answered. However perhaps we can get more detail if the interpretation of the questions were slightly different or if they were worded differently? I would have assumed that data would be routinely collected on types of births and whilst there may not be room to decipher reasons of mothers' wishes etc. could I resubmit this request with the questions asked in the following manner

1. What is the percentage rate of c sections for the BHSCT (of all babies birthed how many are by c section)

|                          | 2017   | 2018   | 2019   | 2020   | 2021   |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total Caesarean Sections | 1559   | 1426   | 1459   | 1373   | 1422   |
| Total Mums Delivered     | 5388   | 5342   | 5093   | 4844   | 4854   |
| C/S Rate                 | 28.93% | 26.69% | 28.65% | 28.34% | 29.30% |

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|----------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total Births                           | 5482   | 5466   | 5183   | 4938   | 4930   |
| Total Babies Born by Caesarean Section | 1618   | 1504   | 1513   | 1426   | 1472   |
| Babies Born by C/S Rate                | 29.51% | 27.52% | 29.19% | 28.88% | 29.86% |

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**2. Of all births what percentage are TOL/vaginal birth for breech presentation**

|                                                                | 2017  | 2018  | 2019  | 2020  | 2021  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Vaginal Breech                                                 | 52    | 44    | 42    | 51    | 37    |
| %Vaginal Breech                                                | 0.95% | 0.80% | 0.81% | 1.03% | 0.75% |
| Spontaneous Onset - Indication for Caesarean Section - Breech  | 25    | 15    | 23    | 30    | 18    |
| %Spontaneous Onset - Indication for Caesarean Section - Breech | 0.46% | 0.27% | 0.44% | 0.61% | 0.37% |

**3. How many of VBACS are performed by the Trust each year vs how many repeat elective c sections are performed each year.**

|                                                 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|-------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| VBAC                                            | 212  | 232  | 232  | 189  | 199  |
| Indication for Caesarean Section - Previous C/S | 563  | 412  | 331  | 324  | 370  |