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Maternity Stats - Births RJMH

Please may I request figures for maternity statistics below, in RJMh for
January 2024
February2024
March 2024
April 2024
(broken down by each month please in table format if possible)

Number of babies born
Number of spontaneous vaginal births
Number of home births
Number of induction of labour
Number of IOL resulting in emergency caesareans
Breakdown of births on labour ward and ABC unit.
How many shifts homebirth services were unavailable for?
Breastfeeding rate at delivery
Number of instrumental births
Number of caesarean births
A breakdown of elective and emergency caesareans
Number of successful VBACs

	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24
Number of babies born	407	361	375	375
Number of spontaneous vaginal births*	116	110	92	110
Number of home births	<5	0	0	0
Number of induction of labour	140	126	156	141
Number of IOL Resulting in Emergency Caesarean	30	37	43	33
Births in ABC unit **	20	31	28	30
Births on labour ward **	381	327	342	343
Breastfeeding rate at delivery	61%	61%	62%	67%
Number of instrumental births	59	44	53	41
Number of caesarean births (babies born) ***	149	140	149	142
Elective caesarean (Mums Delivered)	73	64	68	74
Emergency caesareans (Mums Delivered)	71	75	77	62
Number of successful VBACs	12	7	9	12

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

** Births in ABC Unit and Labour Ward do not include Babies born before arrival at the Hospital.

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

There were 0 shifts that homebirth services were unavailable for.

Please note

We are unable to provide an exact figure where numbers are very low ie <5. To provide this level of information would reduce numbers to discoverable limits where the patients could be identifiable.

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