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Birth Statistics

Birth statistics for the Belfast trust for the entire year of 2024, monthly breakdown and January 2025 statistics.

The statistics I want in particular are caesarean rate (elective and emergency), home births, water births, induction rate, births in mid let unit, episiotomies, instrumental births (forceps, vacuums), breastfeeding rate, still born babies.

Please see the attached the information you have requested>

Please note: **Use of <5 (less than five):** We are unable to provide an exact figure - exempt from release under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act, as the small numbers involved could make patients personally identifiable. Disclosure would constitute a breach of the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation 2018.