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Maternity Statistics 2024 Belfast Trust

I would like to request the following data on a monthly basis for the period from 1st January 2024 - 31st December 2024:

- 1. Total number of births**
- 2. Number of straightforward vaginal births**
- 3. Number of forceps births**
- 4. Number of vacuum births**
- 5. Number of elective caesareans**
- 6. Number of emergency caesareans**
- 7. Number of inductions (and the birth outcomes)**
- 8. Number of episiotomies**
- 9. Number of 3rd/4th degree tears**
- 10. Number of water births**
- 11. Number of home births**
- 12. Number of Midwifery-Led Unit (MLU) births in the Active Birth Centre**
- 13. Number of women under continuity of care**
- 14. Number of successful Vaginal Births after Caesarean (VBAC)**
- 15. Number of cases of Shoulder Dystocia (SD)**

Please see the attached spreadsheet with the information you have requested.

We are unable to provide an exact figure where numbers are very low. To provide this level of information would reduce numbers to discoverable limits where individuals could be identifiable. This is exempt from release under section 40(2) Personal Information relating to a third party, of the FOI Act. This information would be unfair to the individuals to release this information. Disclosure would constitute a breach of the principles of the Data Protection Act 2018.