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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to neonatal withdrawal.

*Could you let me know how many babies were born to mothers who had abused/ taken drugs during pregnancy each year for the past 5 years including 2014-2015?*

14/15 – 14 babies were born to 14 mothers (all single babies).  
These were broken down to heroin, cannabis, cocaine and alcohol.

13/14 – 17 babies were born to 17 mothers (all single babies).  
These were broken down to cannabis, alcohol, cocaine, methadone, heroin and other pills.

12/13 – 9 babies born to 9 mothers (all single babies).  
These were broken down to methadone, cocaine, cannabis and alcohol.

11/12 – 17 babies born to 17 mothers (all single babies).  
These were broken down to cannabis, crack cocaine, alcohol and methadone.

10/11– 12 babies born to 12 mothers (all single babies).  
These were broken down to cannabis, cocaine, alcohol, heroin and methadone.

*How many babies were born showing neo-natal withdrawal symptoms each year for the past five years?*

Discharges with diagnosis of neonatal withdrawal split by financial year, month and gender														
Year	Sex	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Grand Total
10/11	M										1		1	2
	F			1							2			3
11/12	M	1	1	1				1		1				5
	F		1		3	1			1		1			7
12/13	M	1		1	2	1		1	1		1		1	9
	F	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	2		1		10
13/14	M	1		4	1					2				8
	F	1					1			2	1		2	7
14/15	M	1		1	1	2	2		1	1		4		13
	F		1		2	1	1	1	2		2	2		12
Grand Total		6	4	9	10	5	5	4	6	8	8	7	4	76

*Could you also let me know from the mothers who had taken drugs what was the breakdown for each type of drugs e.g. heroin, cocaine*

Please see the answer to Question 1.