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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 births without a midwife and outside a maternity ward 2014 to 2016 to date.

All information should be broken down in years - 2014, 2015 and for 2016 up until the date this request was received.

- 1. How many women gave birth alone without the assistance of a midwife?*
- 2. How many women gave birth outside of a maternity ward? Where did those women give birth (i.e. ambulances, A&E departments, corridors)?*
- 3. How many women gave birth using stirrups?*

From 2016 the data for who delivered and who was present at birth has been electronically recorded so that all trained staff can be excluded from both answers. Before this date this information would be recorded on the patient records and the Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further. Please see the table below:

1. Number of women giving birth alone without a midwife
2. Number of women giving birth outside of a maternity ward
3. Number of women giving birth using stirrups (lithotomy)

Date Range	Source	Q1 (Giving birth alone)	Q2 (Not maternity ward)	Q3 (Lithotomy)
Apr-16	E3 16/17	6 mothers not delivered by a midwife or grade of obstetrician and without either listed as present at delivery	7 total (7 unplanned HB's)	116
Jan-Mar16	E3 15/16	24 mothers not delivered by a midwife or grade of obstetrician and without either listed as present at delivery	26 total (24 unplanned HB's, 2 in transit)	324
Jan-Apr 2016 Total		30	33	440
5 Oct-31 Dec 15	E3 15/16	15 mothers not delivered by a midwife or grade of obstetrician and without either listed as present at delivery	20 total (14 unplanned HB's, 4 in transit, 2 other wards - not maternity)	331
1 Apr - 5 Oct 15	K2 1516	Unable to determine if qualified person was present	35 total (25 unplanned HB's, 8 in transit, 2 other wards - not maternity)	727
Jan-Mar15	K2 1415	Unable to determine if qualified person was present	22 total (18 unplanned HB's, 4 in transit)	323
2015 Total			77	1381
Apr-Dec14	K2 1415	Unable to determine if qualified person was present	70 total (48 unplanned HB's, 18 in transit, 4 other wards - not maternity)	997
Jan-Mar14	K2 1314	Unable to determine if qualified person was present	18 total (17 unplanned HB's, 1 in transit)	307
2014 Total			88	1304