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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 the labours and subsequent births 2013, 2014 and 2015.

*1. How many labours were recorded for each of the previous three calendar years for each of these birth options:*

- a) home birth*
- b) birth in midwife-led unit*
- c) hospital birth (obstetrician-led unit)*

*2. Please list for each category how many labours resulted in caesarean delivery.*

*3. Of the caesarean deliveries listed above, please state the number which were elective and out of those, which were booked on request of the patient.*

*4. If you hold information on the average cost for each birth option (home birth, midwife-led birth, hospital birth and additionally for caesarean), please can you provide this.*

Please note that the Trust does not record how or where labours start, only how the mother delivered at the end. The attached tables detail how our mothers delivered split across the calendar years.

The Trust cannot split the elective caesareans out into whether or not they were mother's choice, this information is not collected.

Please see the following tables:

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Year	Mode of delivery	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2015	Standard (incl instrumental)	359	305	383	340	395	364	414	354	333	362	329	357	4,295
	Caesarean (emergency)	73	67	70	73	51	66	61	64	70	60	51	69	775
	Caesarean (elective)	61	49	54	67	56	60	63	51	56	59	55	57	688
	Total	493	421	507	480	502	490	538	469	459	481	435	483	5,758

Year	Mode of delivery	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2014	Standard (incl instrumental)	334	305	342	342	350	331	370	359	355	371	329	305	4,093
	Caesarean (emergency)	65	67	76	65	68	76	73	63	82	75	76	70	856
	Caesarean (elective)	49	43	56	58	54	58	65	54	49	67	61	61	675
	Total	448	415	474	465	472	465	508	476	486	513	466	436	5,624

Year	Mode of delivery	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2013	Standard (incl instrumental)	343	285	337	345	302	329	364	356	330	349	328	318	3,986
	Caesarean (emergency)	51	47	58	66	56	71	56	63	75	60	53	56	712
	Caesarean (elective)	47	44	57	52	54	59	56	52	51	61	47	45	625
	Total	441	376	452	463	412	459	476	471	456	470	428	419	5,323

<i>Total mums delivering by and place of birth</i>														
Year	Place of birth	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2015	Homebirth	7	16	18	13	11	11	10	11	9	7	11	18	142
	Midwife led unit (incl home from home)	33	43	38	49	34	51	52	45	30	32	21	41	469
	Hospital delivery	451	362	449	418	456	427	474	412	418	441	401	423	5,132
	Other (incl In Transit)	2	0	2	0	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	15
	Total	493	421	507	480	502	490	538	469	459	481	435	483	5,758

Year	Place of birth	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2014	Homebirth	9	17	10	10	13	12	13	7	14	9	11	9	134
	Midwife led unit (incl home from home)	42	34	33	43	49	44	44	52	41	48	46	36	512
	Hospital delivery	397	364	430	411	407	408	450	415	428	454	409	388	4,961
	Other (incl In Transit)	0	0	1	1	3	1	1	2	3	2	0	3	17
	Total	448	415	474	465	472	465	508	476	486	513	466	436	5,624

Year	Place of birth	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2013	Homebirth	12	8	16	10	16	8	15	12	4	13	16	5	135
	Midwife led unit (incl home from home)	43	38	42	39	32	44	52	44	40	38	35	30	477
	Hospital delivery	383	329	391	413	363	406	406	412	411	417	375	381	4,687
	Other (incl In Transit)	3	1	3	1	1	1	3	3	1	2	2	3	24
	Total	441	376	452	463	412	459	476	471	456	470	428	419	5,323

#### 4.

The Trust does not separate home births from hospital births as a category in Reference costs, and have used Midwifery led and Obstetrician led as separate treatment function codes, and have given average costs for normal births without complication and emergency caesareans as separate categories.

##### Normal Delivery

Obstetrics 2014-15	£2873.99
Obstetrics 2013-14	£2688.47
Obstetrics 2012-13	£2136.06

Midwifery led 2014-15	£2932.28
Midwifery led 2013-14	£2775.32
Midwifery led 2012-13	£2188.32

##### Emergency Caesarean

Obstetrics 2014-15	£4699.48
Obstetrics 2013-14	£4111.24
Obstetrics 2012-13	£4310.47