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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 29th November 2022 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am now able to provide you with a response.

Your request was in relation to C-Sections and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

- Please release figures detailing the number of caesarean sections carried out by the Trust between 1st June 2021 and 30th November 2022. Please categorise the data by elective, planned and emergency sections per month. I would like the data in these categories as the actual numbers and as a percentage of the total births that month.**

This number is based on the number of babies delivering (i.e. the C-Section) not the number of babies delivered.

| Month | Total women delivering | Emergency LSCS (Grades 1-3) | Elective LSCS (Grade 4) | Emergency CS % | Elective LSCS % |
|--------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Jun-21 | 357 | 68 | 48 | 19.0% | 13.4% |
| Jul-21 | 374 | 71 | 37 | 19.0% | 9.9% |
| Aug-21 | 342 | 46 | 46 | 13.5% | 13.5% |
| Sep-21 | 400 | 72 | 59 | 18.0% | 14.8% |
| Oct-21 | 400 | 68 | 48 | 17.0% | 12.0% |
| Nov-21 | 371 | 72 | 42 | 19.4% | 11.3% |
| Dec-21 | 367 | 65 | 43 | 17.7% | 11.7% |
| Jan-22 | 352 | 74 | 43 | 21.0% | 12.2% |
| Feb-22 | 323 | 64 | 40 | 19.8% | 12.4% |
| Mar-22 | 374 | 75 | 64 | 20.1% | 17.1% |

| Month | Total women delivering | Emergency LSCS (Grades 1-3) | Elective LSCS (Grade 4) | Emergency CS % | Elective LSCS % |
|--------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Apr-22 | 344 | 76 | 53 | 22.1% | 15.4% |
| May-22 | 346 | 64 | 46 | 18.5% | 13.3% |
| Jun-22 | 324 | 52 | 51 | 16.0% | 15.7% |
| Jul-22 | 346 | 57 | 46 | 16.5% | 13.3% |
| Aug-22 | 381 | 68 | 59 | 17.8% | 15.5% |
| Sep-22 | 344 | 63 | 53 | 18.3% | 15.4% |
| Oct-22 | 349 | 64 | 49 | 18.3% | 14.0% |
| Nov-22 | 352 | 66 | 48 | 18.8% | 13.6% |

2. Please release figures detailing the number of still births and neonatal deaths at the Trust between 1st June 2021 and 30th November 2022 categorised by C-section or vaginal delivery.

Still Births - 21
Neonatal Deaths - 10

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log on the Trust's website. However please be assured that we anonymise all responses prior to adding them to the disclosure log.

I hope that this response has provided you with the information you had requested. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or in writing. If however, you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled and would like an internal review, you will need to contact me in writing at the above address or via cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.

If you remain dissatisfied with our response following an internal review you have the right to appeal to The Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. More information is available on their website; www.ico.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely
Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator