

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

**Request Ref: NGFOI 18/19: 546**

Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 15/01/19.

I am pleased to be able to provide you with the following information:

*How many babies were born in Northampton 2017 and 2018 How many c sections were performed in 2017 and 2018 And how many of them were planned if possible.*

**Please note that we are unable to identify which women had planned a caesarean as part of their birthing plan, but have included a split by elective and emergency.**

| <b>Count of Deliveries (from Medway) including live and still births</b> |              |              |
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| <b>All deliveries</b>  | <b>Years</b> |              |
| <b>Route of delivery</b>   | <b>2017</b>  | <b>2018</b>  |
| <b>Both vaginal and caesarean</b>  | <b>6</b>     | <b>&lt;5</b> |
| <b>Caesarean</b>   | <b>1344</b>  | <b>1462</b>  |
| <b>Vaginal</b>   | <b>3466</b>  | <b>3276</b>  |
| <b>Grand Total</b>   | <b>4816</b>  | <b>4740</b>  |
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| <b>C-Sections</b>  | <b>Years</b> |              |
| <b>Elective/Emergency</b>  | <b>2017</b>  | <b>2018</b>  |
| <b>Elective</b>  | <b>652</b>   | <b>690</b>   |
| <b>Emergency</b>   | <b>696</b>   | <b>774</b>   |
| <b>Grand Total</b>   | <b>1348</b>  | <b>1464</b>  |

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, Exemption section 40 (Personal Information) has been applied. Due to the low numbers involved, 5 or fewer, we have withheld the exact numbers to protect the identities of individuals.

While the Trust acknowledges that it is desirable to make information as freely available as possible the release of this information would be unfair to the individuals concerned and would contravene the rights of the individual under the Data Protection Act.

The information requested is therefore held exempt from disclosure under section 40 (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act.