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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 20 October 2021 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 Trust births and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

Please see the table overleaf and note in respect of question 6 and 7 relating to haemorrhages:

- Some blood loss after birth is normal and a volume under 500ml would be fall under this category.
- The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists define a postpartum haemorrhage (PPH) as the loss of 500 ml or more of blood from the genital tract within 24 hours of the birth of a baby.
- They define:
 - a **minor** PPH as 500–1000 ml
 - a **major** PPH as more than 1000 ml.

As a result of the above context we have provided the information based on the PPH volumes you have requested but have renamed the information provided as blood loss rather than the definitions you had provided (which remain but have been crossed through).

	Labour ward (or	Birth centre	Home	Born
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	other obstetrician-led environment)	(if the option exists)	birth	Before Arrival
1) Total number of births (not number of babies born) in 2020	4317	N/A	43	28
2) Number of induced births in 2020	1907		0	2
3) Number of instrumental deliveries in 2020	480		0	0
4) Number of emergency caesarean sections in 2020	673		0	0
5) Number of planned caesarean sections in 2020	568		0	0
6) Minor haemorrhages Blood loss (up to 500ml)	2578		37	23
7) Major haemorrhages Blood loss (500ml+)	1739		6	5

8. How many home births transferred into hospital?

35

9. How many midwife-led-unit births transferred into an obstetrician-led environment?

Not applicable

10. How many stillbirths were there in total across the Trust?

14

11. How many of the caesarean sections results in a major haemorrhage?

928

12. Please also confirm the list of hospitals and units covered by the above.

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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