

Induction of Labour

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

I would like to request the following information,

1. *Number of births 2022-23*
2. *Number of births 2021-22*
3. *Number of births 2020-21*
4. *Number of births 2019-20*

Answer: Please see table below.

	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
<i>Number of births</i>	4724	4942	4939	5061

5. *Number of inductions 2022-23*
6. *Number of inductions 2021-22*
7. *Number of inductions 2020-21*
8. *Number of inductions 2019-20*

Answer: Please see table below.

	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
<i>Number of inductions</i>	1,697	1,666	1,665	1,785

9. *Number of Datix mentioning delays in induction 2022-23*
10. *Number of Datix mentioning delays in induction 2021-22*
11. *Number of Datix mentioning delays in induction 2020-21*
12. *Number of Datix mentioning delays in induction 2019-20*

Answer: For questions 9,10 ,11 and 12 please see table below. The data only represents Royal Devon Northern Services. Royal Devon Eastern Services hold no information prior to 2024, before IOL's started to be recorded.

In accordance with Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we are unable to provide figures where the number of patients is less than or equal to five and could risk the identification of those patients and breach Caldicott principles. In these cases ≤5 is used to indicate that a figure between 1 and 5 is being suppressed.

This follows NHS Digital (formerly HSCIC) analysis guidance (2014) which states that small numbers within local authorities, wards, postcode districts, CCG's providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.

	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
<i>Number of Datix mentioning delays in induction</i>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
<i>Number of Datix mentioning delays in induction</i>	≤5	≤5	Nil	≤5

13. Number of “maternity red flag events” recorded in which there was a delay of 2 hours or more between admission for induction and beginning of the process in 2022-23 .

Eastern service: 551

Northern Service: 6

14. Number of “maternity red flag events” recorded in which there was a delay of 2 hours or more between admission for induction and beginning of the process in 2021-22

Eastern Service: 659

Northern Service: *The information is not held in a reportable format.

15. Number of “maternity red flag events” recorded in which there was a delay of 2 hours or more between admission for induction and beginning of the process in 2020-21

Eastern Service: 802

Northern Service: *The information is not held in a reportable format.

16. Number of “maternity red flag events” recorded in which there was a delay of 2 hours or more between admission for induction and beginning of the process in 2019-20

Answer: Please see table below.

Eastern Service: 494

Northern Service: *The information is not held in a reportable format.

* Northern Service q 14,15 and 16. The only data that is held is part of a patient’s medical record This data it would not be appropriate to release under FOI as it is personal data and would not be lawful or transparent to patients to view their records for this purpose. As such it is exempt under Section 40(2) of the FOI Function as it is in breach of Principle 1 of the UK GDPR