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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

**I would like to request the following information:**

1) a) **Number of births 2022-23.**

2795.

b) **Number of births 2021-22.**

1031.

c) **Number of births 2020-21.**

We do not hold this information due to a system change.

d) **Number of births 2019-20.**

We do not hold this information due to a system change.

2) a) **Number of inductions 2022-23.**

951.

b) **Number of inductions 2021-22.**

330.

c) **Number of inductions 2020-21.**

We do not hold this information due to a system change.

d) **Number of inductions 2019-20.**

We do not hold this information due to a system change.

- 3) a) **Number of Datix mentioning delays in induction 2022-23.**  
4.
- b) **Number of Datix mentioning delays in induction 2021-22.**  
4.
- c) **Number of Datix mentioning delays in induction 2020-21.**  
4.
- d) **Number of Datix mentioning delays in induction 2019-20.**  
1.
- 4) a) **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.**  
7.
- b) **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.**  
19.
- c) **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.**  
25.
- d) **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.**  
39.

The data provided is for all delays in commencing Induction of labour of 2 hours or more from admission. To note; on admission for most service users an artificial rupture of membranes can be possible without the need to administer prostaglandins. This data does not differentiate from the time taken to transfer to labour ward to undertake this procedure and is included within this data input.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department ([esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net)), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

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Yours sincerely

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