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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

**Please provide the following information for each of the last three financial years (2021/22, 2022/23, and 2023/24, or the most recent three years available). For each year requested, please provide the number of maternity bookings (or births) for the Trust, so disclosure rates can be calculated (e.g. per 1,000 bookings).**

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Bookings	2714	3178	3240

**1. The total number of disclosures of domestic abuse made to midwives within your Trust**

**a. Please confirm the number of disclosures made in pregnancy, and how many post-birth.**

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Antenatal and Intrapartum	20	71	61
Postnatal	8	16	10

**2. The total number of disclosures of domestic abuse made to other staff within maternity services.**

We do not hold this information broken down to this level.

**a. Please confirm the number of disclosures made in pregnancy, and how many post-birth.**

Please see above.

3. If known, of the total disclosures recorded, how many resulted in an escalation or referral, for example, to:

a. Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs)

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20	21	35	31

b. other domestic abuse specialist support services

We do not capture this information.

c. mental health services

We do not capture this information.

d. children's social care

April 2025 to April 2026 - Maternity submitted 421 Children Services referrals featuring domestic abuse concerns

April 2024 to April 2025 - Maternity submitted 470 Children Services referrals featuring domestic abuse concerns.

Unfortunately, prior to this we did not capture this data in the same way so enable us to pull this data.

e. MARAC or equivalent multi-agency processes

We do not capture this information.

f. police

We do not capture this information.

g. other specialist support services

We do not capture this information.

4. If possible, please provide a breakdown of the disclosures by any of the following demographic categories:

a. age group of the person making the disclosure

b. ethnicity of the person making the disclosure

c. gender of the person making the disclosure

Please see the attached document - '26-198 - Maternity data', for the breakdown requested above.

- d. **sexuality of the person making the disclosure**
- e. **disability of the person making the disclosure**
- f. **immigration status of the person making the disclosure**

Please see the attached document - '26-198 - Maternity data', for the breakdown requested above.

5. **If the data is not recorded in exactly this format, we would welcome any related or approximate data that may help build a clearer picture of domestic abuse disclosures within maternity services.**

Please see above and attached document - '26-198 - Maternity data'.

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at [esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net) quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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Physical Disability/Mobility Impairment				
Speech Impairment or Communication Difficulties				
Sensory Impairment				
Learning Difficulty				
Deaf/Hearing Impairment				
Mental Health	6	5	5	6
Visual Impairment				
Austism, Asperger's or Other Neuro-Diverse Condition	1		4	3
Personal Care Requirements:				
Other Long-Term Health Condition				

16 - 20	1	1	2	3
21 - 25	1	9	7	6
26 - 30	16	7	18	10
31 - 35	2	3	8	10
36 - 40		1		2
41 - 45				
46 - 50				

African			2	
Any other asian background				
Any other Mixed / Multiple ethnic background				2
Any other white background				
Arab				
Asian british				
Bangladeshi	1		1	
Black british				
Chinese				1
Declined				
Gypsy or Irish Traveller				
Indian			3	
Irish				
Other Ethnic Group				
Pakistani	1			1
Roma				

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Unknown (only for referrals)				
White - British	15	18	27	26
White - Eastern European	2	2		
White - Irish				
White - Other				
White and Asian				1
White and Black African	1			
White and Black Caribbean		1	2	

Female	20	21	35	31
transgender man				
Intersex				
Male				
Non-binary				
Other				
Prefer not to say				
Transgender woman				
Unknown				
Gender Fluid				

Asexual				
Bisexual				
Other				
Prefer not to say				
Gay				
Heterosexual	20	21	35	31
Lesbian				
Pansexual				
Unknown				

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UK National	16	19	29	27
Asylum seeker-awaiting decision				
Spousal visa	2		1	3
Discretionary LTR				
EEA family member		2		
EEA national currently working	2			
EEA national financially self- supporting				
EEA national studying				
EEA national receiving benefits				
Family reunification				
Indefinite leave to remain			4	1
Insecure/no status			1	
Limited leave to remain				
Parent visa				
Pre settled status				
Refugee				