

FOI REF: 26/517

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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:

I would like to request the following information regarding the uptake of Vitamin K prophylaxis for newborn babies within your Trust for the calendar years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025:

- 1) The total number of live births recorded by the Trust's maternity services for each year.**
- 2) How many of those infants received Vitamin K via intramuscular injection.**
- 3) How many of those infants received Vitamin K orally.**
- 4) How many infants were recorded as not receiving Vitamin K prophylaxis (e.g., due to parental refusal/opt-out).**

[Please see the attached document – 'FOI 26-517 Neonatal Vitamin K Uptake'.](#)

[Please note that the data for 2021 is lower due to a maternity IT system change in November 2021. The information prior to this date is no longer available.](#)

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 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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	Livebirths	Received Intramuscular Injection	Received Oral Dose	Given Vitamin K By Other Method	Opted Out / Not Given
2019	-	-	-	-	-
2020	-	-	-	-	-
2021	276 (went live Nov 21)	235	3	2	36
2022	2889	2492	108	39	251
2023	2715	2332	113	42	235
2024	2689	2317	102	42	230
2025	2785	2417	112	51	208