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The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust Response to Information request

Date Request Received: 18th June 2025

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Requested Information:

Please could you provide the below information for each month between January and May 2025.

If this information could be provided for maternity services for RCH, however, if this could be split out for the delivery suite and alongside birth centre at Treliske it would be appreciated.

1. The number of labour's that have begun via:
 - a) Induction,
 - b) Spontaneous,
 - c) Elective Caesarean,
 - d) Other (please include a description of what may be included in other),
 - e) Total labours.

2. For each of the above headers, please provide the breakdown of what the labour resulted in:
 - a) Vaginal delivery,
 - b) Vaginal delivery with intervention (forceps, ventouse),
 - c) Elective Caesarean,
 - d) Emergency Caesarean,
 - e) Other (please include a description of what may be included in other).

3. What is classed as an induction.
4. The number of home births, and of these the number, how many required a transfer to hospital.
5. The number of babies born before arrival.

Response:

1. Please see below
2. Please see below

January 2025.

Count of Baby Delivered	Column Labels			
Row Labels	Delivery Suite	Theatre	Treliske Birth Unit	Grand Total
Induced	87	21	6	114
Emergency caesarean section	15	13		28
Forceps	6	8		14
Forceps-failed vacuum extraction	1			1
Spontaneous vertex	61		6	67
Vacuum extraction	4			4
No labour	26	42		68
Elective caesarean section	19	32		51
Emergency caesarean section	7	10		17
Spontaneous	63	10	37	110
Emergency caesarean section	6	3		9
Forceps	4	6		10
Forceps-failed vacuum extraction	1			1
Spontaneous breech	1			1
Spontaneous other cephalic	1			1
Spontaneous vertex	45		37	82
Vacuum extraction	5	1		6
Grand Total	176	73	43	292

February 2025

Count of Baby Delivered	Column Labels			
Row Labels	Delivery Suite	Theatre	Treliske Birth Unit	Grand Total
Induced	74	24	8	106
Emergency caesarean section	4	17		21
Forceps	6	7		13
Spontaneous vertex	64		8	72
No labour	22	38		60
Elective caesarean section	15	32		47
Emergency caesarean section	7	6		13
Spontaneous	47	19	39	105
Emergency caesarean section	5	13		18
Forceps	6	5	1	12
Spontaneous vertex	33	1	38	72
Vacuum extraction	3			3
Grand Total	143	81	47	271

March 2025

Count of Baby Delivered	Column Labels			
Row Labels	Delivery Suite	Theatre	Treliske Birth Unit	Grand Total
Induced	79	32	6	117
Emergency caesarean section	8	18		26
Forceps	4	13		17
Spontaneous other cephalic	1			1
Spontaneous vertex	61		6	67
Vacuum extraction	4	1		5
Vacuum extraction-failed forceps	1			1
No labour	14	36		50
Elective caesarean section	8	29		37
Emergency caesarean section	6	7		13
Spontaneous	71	14	32	117
Emergency caesarean section	4	9		13
Forceps	4	3		7
Spontaneous breech	1			1
Spontaneous vertex	58	1	32	91
Vacuum extraction	4	1		5
Grand Total	164	82	38	284

April 2025

Count of Baby Delivered	Column Labels			
Row Labels	Delivery Suite	Theatre	Treliske Birth Unit	Grand Total
Induced	88	26	3	117
Emergency caesarean section	5	19		24
Forceps	7	6		13
Forceps-failed vacuum extraction	2	1		3
Spontaneous vertex	68		3	71
Vacuum extraction	6			6
No labour	21	39		60
Elective caesarean section	17	29		46
Emergency caesarean section	4	10		14
Spontaneous	60	17	29	106
Emergency caesarean section	9	11		20
Forceps	6	5		11
Forceps-failed vacuum extraction	1			1
Spontaneous breech	1			1
Spontaneous vertex	40		29	69
Vacuum extraction	3	1		4
Grand Total	169	82	32	283

May 2025

Count of Baby Delivered	Column Labels			
Row Labels	Delivery Suite	Theatre	Treliske Birth Unit	Grand Total
Induced	75	27	2	104
Emergency caesarean section	5	19		24
Forceps	6	7		13
Forceps-failed vacuum extraction	2			2
Spontaneous vertex	56	1	2	59
Vacuum extraction	6			6
No labour	21	45		66
Elective caesarean section	18	35		53
Emergency caesarean section	3	10		13
Spontaneous	69	16	40	125
Emergency caesarean section	4	7		11
Forceps	6	8		14
Forceps-failed vacuum extraction	3	1		4
Spontaneous breech	1			1
Spontaneous vertex	49		40	89
Vacuum extraction	6			6
Grand Total	165	88	42	295

3. What is classed as an induction?
 - **any labour that is artificially commenced a by mechanical or medicated procedure.**

4. The number of home births, and of these the number, how many required a transfer to hospital.
 - **Jan 8, 3 transferred postnatally**
 - **Feb 8, 1 transferred postnatally**
 - **March 7, 0 transferred postnatally**
 - **April 9, 1 transferred postnatally**
 - **May 6, 4 transferred postnatally**

5. The number of babies born before arrival.
 - **Jan 1**
 - **Feb 1**
 - **March 0**
 - **April 5**
 - **May 5**



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Attachment(s):

No Attachment(s)

Date Response sent: 4th August 2025