



RE: Freedom of Information request: maternal healthcare NIAS Ref: 43050-25

Dear

I would advise that the NIAS is a pre-hospital organisation and therefore we do not operate an acute hospital service to the public in terms of hospital specialties and ward /associated treatments. This would fall under the remit of each individual Health & Social Care Trust operating within Northern Ireland as detailed below:

- Northern Health & Social Care Trust
- Belfast Health & Social Care Trust
- Western Health & Social Care Trust
- South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust
- Southern Health & Social Care Trust

I would suggest making contact with each of the FOI leads in the above Trust's (emails addresses will be available via their websites) and they should be able to assist you further. The information requested is not held by the NIAS.

Kind regards

Information Governance Officer

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**From:**

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Dear Fol team:

I am a freelance journalist looking into maternal healthcare in UK health trusts and boards a year on from a report [by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Birth Trauma](#).

I would be grateful for responses by email to the following 13 questions, which I am sending to every UK non-specialist health trust and board.



I appreciate it is a long list of questions, and it's quite possible not all of them will be relevant to your organisation. I also appreciate that data going back 10 years may not always be available, as your organisation may have been formed more recently than that. In this case, I would be grateful for the data stretching back as far as is possible.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions at all.

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How many vacancies do you currently have for a) midwives; b) obstetricians? (And how many members of staff do you currently have in both those roles?)

What is the number of stillbirths and neonatal deaths recorded in your trust/board in each of the past 10 years? And what was the recorded ethnicity of those who died, if the data is available?

How many live births were recorded at your trust/board in each of the past 10 years?

What is the number of maternal deaths recorded in your trust/board in each of the past 10 years? And what was the recorded ethnicity of those who died?

How many medical negligence suits have arisen from incidents in your maternity department in each of the past 10 years? How many resulted in a payment being made, and how much was paid out in each of the past 10 years?

How many third- and fourth-degree tears have you recorded for each of the past 10 years?

What are your current rates of forceps use, if you keep data on this?

What are your current rates of ventouse assisted deliveries, if you keep data on this?

How many emergency caesarean sections have you carried out in each of the past 10 years?

How many Maternal Request Caesareans were made to staff in each of the past 10 years, and how many were approved?

How much did your trust/board pay for use of interpreters in its maternity department in each of the past 10 years?

How many people have received treatment as part of any MMHS (Maternal Mental Health Service) in the past year?

How many people are on the waiting list to receive treatment from the MMHS right now? And how long is the average waiting time for treatment?

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