

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2022.089
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Thank you for your email received 1 July 2022 requesting information regarding injuries during child birth.

Please find detailed below a summary of your request, together with our response.

Summary of your original request:

- 1. How many bladder injuries sustained during childbirth were recorded in the last five years (2016 – 2021)**
- 2. How many organ injuries were recorded as a result of a caesarean (elective or emergency) in the last five years (2016 – 2021)**
- 3. How many anal sphincter injuries sustained during childbirth were recorded in the last five years (2016 – 2021)**
- 4. How many third grade or fourth grade tears sustained during childbirth were recorded in the last five years?**
- 5. Of these injuries, how many patients were referred to perinatal and pelvic health physiotherapy services?**
- 6. Of these injuries, how many patients were still being followed up for ongoing care after 2 years?**
- 7. Of these injuries, how many resulted in a serious incident investigation being raised?**
- 8. Of these injuries, how many were recorded as ‘never events’.**
- 9. Of these injuries, how many patients received Duty of Candour notifications.**
- 10. How many readmissions post-birth were recorded in the last five years related to bladder injuries?**
- 11. How many readmissions post-birth were recorded in the last five years related to anal sphincter injuries?**

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12. How many readmissions post-birth were recorded in the last five years related to third grade or fourth grade tears sustained during childbirth?

The Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust does not provide maternity services; therefore we do not hold any information pertinent to your request.