

Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Please can I request (under the FOIA 2000):

1. How many bladder injuries sustained during childbirth were recorded in the last five years (2016 – 2021)

We record as trauma to bladder or other organs see data for question 2

2. How many organ injuries were recorded as a result of a caesarean (elective or emergency) in the last five years (2016 – 2021)

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3. How many anal sphincter injuries sustained during childbirth were recorded in the last five years (2016 – 2021)

This is a third or fourth degree tear therefore same as question 4

4. How many third grade or fourth grade tears sustained during childbirth were recorded in the last five years?

250 in total

242 were 3rd degree tears

8 were 4th degree tears

5. Of these injuries, how many patients were referred to perinatal and pelvic health physiotherapy services?

All women with 3rd or 4th degree tears have a gynaecology outpatient department appointment between 6-8 weeks postnatal unable to supply actual numbers of women who have attended

6. Of these injuries, how many patients were still being followed up for ongoing care after 2 years?

Unable to answer from maternity

7. Of these injuries, how many resulted in a serious incident investigation being raised?

None

8. Of these injuries, how many were recorded as 'never events'.

None

9. Of these injuries, how many patients received Duty of Candour notifications.

3rd and 4th degree tears and bladder injuries all trigger an initial discussion regarding DOC and this would have been triggered at the time of birth / identification of trauma, once reviewed in no care deficits the harm was downgraded and then would not trigger further DOC discussions. Since 2019 there has been 3 formal DOC letters and reports provided to women in relation to their care (non SI reports) 3 for third degree tears in conjunction with other care issues and 1 bladder injury during elective caesarean section.

10. How many readmissions post-birth were recorded in the last five years related to bladder injuries?

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11. How many readmissions post-birth were recorded in the last five years related to anal sphincter injuries?

Same as third and fourth degree tears see answer 12

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

Unable to locate data query none as none submitted via Datix reporting system and none reported on K2 electronic notes.