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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 20/10/21.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:  
**I'm conducting some research into prehospital breach birth.**

**Please could you provide me with some statistics from your service.**

**Please could I have for the last 5 years:**

**How many births have been attended by your clinicians**

**How many of those births were babies in the breech presentation**

**How many SIs have been reported involving breech births**

YEAR	MONTH	IMMINENT DELIVERY	BREECH INCS
2017	September	27	0
2017	October	38	0
2017	November	40	0
2017	December	44	<10
2018	January	59	<10
2018	February	53	<10
2018	March	56	<10
2018	April	42	<10
2018	May	55	<10
2018	June	51	<10
2018	July	51	0
2018	August	51	<10
2018	September	40	0
2018	October	33	0
2018	November	39	<10
2018	December	55	<10
2019	January	42	<10
2019	February	38	<10
2019	March	36	<10
2019	April	42	<10

2019	May	43	<10
2019	June	47	<10
2019	July	50	<10
2019	August	38	<10
2019	September	46	<10
2019	October	45	<10
2019	November	47	<10
2019	December	52	<10
2020	January	55	<10
2020	February	40	<10
2020	March	38	<10
2020	April	28	<10
2020	May	51	<10
2020	June	42	0
2020	July	48	<10
2020	August	41	<10
2020	September	49	<10
2020	October	34	<10

The date range used is 05/09/17-21/10/20 inclusive.

Imminent deliveries have been identified by the condition 'Maternity – Imminent delivery' which is selected by the call operator at the time of receiving the call and may not be representative of what is found on scene when the crew arrives.

Breech incidents have been identified where 'breech' or 'breach' is present of the call notes and the condition 'Maternity' or 'Maternity – Imminent delivery' Has been selected by the call operator at the time of the call.

We have only included incidents that fall within SECAMB's contracted area. Any incidents attended on behalf of another Trust, e.g. SCAS, LAS, etc. have been excluded.

Reported Sis involving breech births is <10.

Please note that for figures that are less than 10 we are unable to provide the exact number as it may be identifiable to individuals.

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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