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Internal Reference: 260336
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Dear ,

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on **18/03/2026**. We have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. **Please ensure you quote the Internal Reference number above in any future correspondence.**

Your Request

My topic for dissertation is paramedic experiences of out of hospital (OOH) births. As part of my introduction for my dissertation, I would like to include some statistics relating to the average call volume/ambulance attendance per year for maternity related incidents. If these statistics can be broken down to show average number of incidents with a 'birth/delivery' OR 'labour/birth' outcome that would be helpful. I understand incidents can be coded as different types (e.g. obstetric emergency, labour/birth, HCP transfer, birth imminent etc) therefore the true number may not be accurate, however an average would be great



Formal Response

Please refer to the tables below:

Average Maternity Calls Per	
Year	Average Labour/Births Per Year
3540	1222

Year	Number of Maternity Calls	Number of Labour/Births
2022	3009	1220
2023	3200	1205
2024	3639	1299
2025	4312	1165

Data Notes:

Date range: 01/01/2022 - 31/12/2025

The maternity incidents have been identified using condition codes recorded by the crew at the scene. Call where a crew did not attend the scene have not been included.

Labour/Births have been identified using the following codes:

- IN LABOUR/CONTRACTING
- BIRTH BEFORE ARRIVAL (BBA)
- COMPLEX BIRTH BEFORE ARRIVAL (C-BBA)
- BIRTH WITH CREW (BWC)
- LABOUR, FUNCTION
- BIRTH OF CHILD

Next steps

Some information held by the Trust is routinely published on our [website](#) and may be of assistance.

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review.



Requests for an internal review should be submitted within **40 working days** of the date of this response and should be sent to:

Richard Banks, Head of Corporate Governance at FOI@secamb.nhs.uk

The internal review will be conducted by an individual who was not directly involved in handling your original request, ordinarily the Trust's Data Protection Officer. We aim to complete internal reviews within **20 working days** of receipt.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of the internal review, you may complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO generally expects complaints to be raised promptly following the completion of an internal review.

The easiest way to raise a complaint is via the ICO's website:

www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

Alternatively, you may write to:
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

Corporate Governance Team

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