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Internal Reference: 260715
Email:

Dear ,

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on **08/072026**.
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.

Please accept the Trust's apologies for the delay and inconvenience you have experienced regarding your FOIA request.

Your Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information regarding the uptake of Vitamin K prophylaxis for newborn babies within your Trust for the calendar years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025:

- The total number of live births recorded by the Trust's maternity services for each year.
- How many of those infants received Vitamin K via intramuscular injection.
- How many of those infants received Vitamin K orally.
- How many infants were recorded as not receiving Vitamin K prophylaxis (e.g., due to parental refusal/opt-out).

If possible, please provide the information in the following format:



	Live births	Received intramuscular injection	Received oral dose	Opted out
2019				
2020				
2021				
2022				
2023				
2024				
2025				

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

Formal Response

The Trust does not provide maternity services and does not hold the requested information relating to Vitamin K prophylaxis for newborn babies. Accordingly, this request is not applicable to South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust.

The Trust is an Ambulance Service and not a Maternity Service, we do however undertake the delivery of live births within the scope of our practice please refer to the table below:

Calendar Year	Total number of live births recorded by the Trust
2019	530
2020	956
2021	905
2022	796
2023	730
2024	641
2025	357

**Incidents where at least one resource has arrived on scene and documented on the patient clinical record a condition code is one of the following:*

- J10 – Birth Before Arrival (BBA)
- J11- Complex Birth Before Arrival (C-BBA)
- J12 - Birth with Crew (BWC)





- J13 – Complex Birth with Crew (C-BWC)
- J15 – 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
South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

