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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/18/03/07.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

**The requestor has confirmed that they only require information for the Medway region
Please could I request the statistics of how many calls that paramedics respond to are
dealing with women in labour from 2012-2018.**

**Please could I further request how many of these calls are responding to pregnant women
who are dealing with complex issues from 2012- 2018 such as:**

**Miscarriages
Still Births**

During the period 01/01/2012 to 31/03/2018 there were 943 incidents in the Medway region attended by at least one paramedic where the problem nature was one of the following:

- Labour and childbirth
- 1-Maternity (Imminent Delivery)
- Maternity
- Maternity - Imminent Delivery
- Maternity Issues
- 1-Maternity-Imminent Delivery

Please note that the problem nature is determined by the call taker, and not a diagnosis, what was found when a crew arrived on scene or what the patient was treated for if conveyed to hospital.

Miscarriage or still birth, if recorded, would be on individual PCRs. To extract this information would exceed 18 hours. Using a free text search within the above results returns 9 incidents where the term "miscarriage" is present and 0 incidents where the term "still birth" is present.

Please note this may not be a true reflection of calls as there may be cases where this term is mentioned within the text but does not relate to the incident itself and may relate to something else i.e. patient's medical history

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, Information Governance Manager via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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