

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

RF23-781

Request:

I would like the maternity clinical quality improvement numbers for East Kent University Hospitals since 2017 until now please (22 December 2023). These are published monthly.

I have looked at the National Maternity Dashboard but the Clinical Quality Improvement Metrics used to include one measure which has now been taken out and this is why I would like the Trust's records rather than what is given on the dashboard. A rate for Normal birth used to be one of the Clinical Quality Improvement Metrics. I would like the Trust's Normal birth rate from 2017 until the rate was dropped from the metrics please.

Response:

We can confirm East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHUFT) does not hold the information you have requested.

We do not hold data on 'normal birth rate' as this is a calculated metric by NHS Digital. We provide the raw data which they then use to create metrics and measures presented in the Maternity Services Monthly Statistics, using their own methodology and definitions. Any data we hold on CQIMs is taken from the [national dashboard](#) data, so matches what is available to the public.

Data for various delivery methods are available in the CSV Data files on the [NHS Digital website](#), for each month since 2015 and can be filtered by Provider. To locate this information, select 'Latest Statistics' or scroll down for 'Past Publications'; select the month of interest and once in the CSV file filter for Delivery Method and Provider name or code (RVV for EKHUFT). Data for December 2023 will be published in February 2024.

EKHUFT does hold information on the number of births including delivery method, which we would be able to provide once the request is clarified. For example, we would need to know whether you are interested in all births or live births; spontaneous onset of labour only or also including induced labour; number of babies or number of women. If you would like us to provide this information rather than 'normal birth rate' please submit a new request with the parameters mentioned above clearly defined.

(DATE OF RESPONSE: 18 JANUARY 2023)