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Subject: Homebirth statistics

REQUEST

I understand the hospital maternity unit release certain stats each month but some information is not shown.

1. The number of people who book in with the homebirth team each month between beginning of May 2024-end of November 2024
2. The number of people due to have a homebirth per month (May 2024-November 2024) at the trust compared to the number that achieve this
3. How many people are transferred in to hospital from home whilst in labour and for what reasons (May 2024-November 2024)

RESPONSE

Here are the statistics for the Ormskirk site Homebirths.

1. The number of people who book in with the homebirth team each month between beginning of May 2024-end of November 2024
May - **10 booked homebirths**
June - **5 booked homebirths**
July - **5 booked homebirths**
August - **6 booked homebirths**
September - **7 booked homebirths**
October - **13 booked homebirths**
November - **5 booked homebirths**
2. The number of people due to have a homebirth per month (May 2024-November 2024) at the trust compared to the number that achieve this
May - **10 booked homebirths** - 6 homebirths achieved / 4 cancelled.

June - **5 booked homebirths** - <5 homebirths achieved / <5 cancelled / <5 transfer in.

July - **5 booked homebirths** - <5 homebirth achieved / <5 cancelled / <5 transferred in.

August - **6 booked homebirths** - <5 homebirths achieved / <5 cancelled / <5 transferred in.

September - **7 booked homebirths** - <5 homebirth achieved / <5 BBA / <5 cancelled / <5 transferred in.

October - **13 booked homebirths** - <5 homebirths achieved / <5 cancelled / 5 transferred in.

November - **5 booked homebirths** - <5 homebirth achieved / <5 cancelled / <5 transferred in.

3. How many people are transferred in to hospital from home whilst in labour and for what reasons (May 2024-November 2024)

May - **0 transfers.**

June - <5 **transfer** - delay in first stage

July - <5 **transfers** - for further pain relief and for meconium-stained liquor

August - <5 **transfers** - for further pain relief and for meconium-stained liquor

September - <5 **transfers** - for further pain relief and fetal bradycardia

October - **5 transfers** - antepartum haemorrhage, for meconium-stained liquor, prolonged spontaneous rupture of membranes and delay in 1st stage of labour and fetal monitoring concerns with ketosis / haematuria / proteinuria.

November - <5 **transfers** - antepartum haemorrhage, delay in 1st stage of labour and hypertension.

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1.The number of people who book in with the homebirth team each month between beginning of May 2024-end of November 2024

May - 13

June - 9

July - 10

August - 11

Sept - 5

Nov – <5

2.The number of people due to have a homebirth per month (May 2024-November 2024) at the trust compared to the number that achieve this

	People due for home birth	Home births achieved
May 2024	<5	0
June 2024	<5	0
July 2024	<5	0
August 2024	6	<5
September 2024	10	6
October	<5	<5

2024		
November 2025	8	5

3.How many people are transferred into hospital from home whilst in labour and for what reasons (May 2024-November 2024)

	Transfers to hospital in labour
May 2024	<5 – fetal heart concerns
June 2024	<5 – delay in 1 st stage of labour
July 2024	<5 – meconium stained liquor
August 2024	<5 – fetal heart concerns
September 2024	<5 – meconium stained liquor
October 2024	0
November 2025	<5!: on call midwife at another home birth Delay in 1 st stage of labour

<5

Due to the low number of patients which is less than five for the period, the Trust is withholding the actual number under section 40 – Personal Information of the Freedom of Information Act due to likelihood of identification of the individual(s).

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