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Dear ,

**INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

You asked:

*Please could you supply me with the following information regarding the labours and subsequent births of women in your Trust:*

1. *How many labours were recorded for each of the previous three calendar years for each of these birth option*
  - a) *home birth*
  - b) *birth in midwife-led unit*
  - c) *hospital birth (obstetrician-led unit)*
2. *Please list for each category how many labours resulted in caesarean delivery.*
3. *Of the caesarean deliveries listed above, please state the number which were elective and out of those, which were booked on request of the patient.*

Question 1	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
a. Births in hospital	2919	2968	2845
c. Births at home	46	60	75

Question 2			
Emergency Caesarean Section	437	430	475

Question 3			
Elective Caesarean Section	303	329	319

4. *If you hold information on the average cost for each birth option (home birth, midwife-led birth, hospital birth and additionally for caesarean), please can you provide this.*

Chairman: Robert Armstrong  
Chief Executive: Andrew Foster CBE

Home birth £1,339  
Caesarean £3,716  
Hospital birth (obstetrician-led unit) £2,095

I hope you find this information useful, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 256335. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



**Dr Umesh Prabhu**

**Medical Director and Acting Deputy Chief Executive**

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