

Maternity Data Table

Question	Dataset	2023	2024	NHS Definition
1	Total percentage of births via emergency / unplanned Caesarean section	21%	20%	Percentage of deliveries where birth was by emergency Caesarean section (Category 1 and 2)
2	Total percentage of births via planned Caesarean section	Article 23: See Note 1		Percentage of deliveries where birth was by planned (elective) Caesarean section
3	Total percentage of women whose labours were induced artificially (via Propess, Prostin, Cook balloon, or artificial rupture of membranes)	Article 23: See Note 1		Percentage of deliveries where labour was induced
4	Total percentage of women who went into labour spontaneously with no induction or intervention	45%	39%	Percentage of deliveries where labour started naturally without medical induction
5	Total percentage of babies born via assisted birth (i.e. ventouse or forceps)	Article 23: See Note 1		Percentage of deliveries where the method of delivery involved instrumental assistance (forceps or ventouse)
6	Total percentage of babies born via spontaneous vaginal birth	Article 23: See Note 1		Percentage of deliveries where the method of delivery was spontaneous vaginal birth
7	Total percentage of water births	Article 16: See Note 2		Percentage of deliveries where the method of delivery was a water birth
8	Total percentage of homebirths	5%	2%	Percentage of deliveries where the method of delivery was a homebirth
9	Total percentage of babies born on labour ward / within consultant-led rooms	11%	26%	Percentage of deliveries that occurred on the labour ward in consultant-led rooms
10	Total percentage of babies born within the midwifery-led birthing rooms	15%	14%	Percentage of deliveries that occurred within midwifery-led birthing rooms
11	Total number of vaginal breech births	Article 25: See Note 3		Total number of deliveries where the baby was born vaginally in breech presentation

Data Sources: Electronic Hospital Maternity Reports (TrakCare MAT23A, Maxims MT005DM)