

Survey of perineal tears and obstetric practice in the UK

We would appreciate if you would kindly complete this short but important survey. This information would help us to establish accurate prevalence data and establish the current national practice regarding follow-up of third- and fourth-degree tears between 31st December 2023- 1st January 2024 and correlate data with the maternity dashboard.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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Date range: 31st December 2023 - 1st January 2025

Name of Hospital / Unit	Withybush General Hospital			
Address	Fishguard Road Haverfordwest SA61 2PZ			
	Total	Primiparous	Multiparous	Don't Know
All Births	70	Section 12	Section 12	70
Vaginal deliveries	70	Section 12	Section 12	70
Assisted Delivery- (inclusive of both forceps or ventouse deliveries)	0	0	0	0
Forceps deliveries	0	0	0	0
Ventouse deliveries	0	0	0	0
Failed ventouse → Forceps deliveries	0	0	0	0
Caesarean	0	0	0	0

Section				
Elective caesarean section	0	0	0	0
Emergency caesarean Section	0	0	0	0
Second degree tears	Section 12	Section 12	Section 12	N/A
Sutured second degree tears	Section 12	Section 12	Section 12	N/A
Episiotomies	0	0	0	N/A
Third and fourth degree tears collectively	*	Section 12	Section 12	*
Third degree tears	Section 12	Section 12	Section 12	N/A
3a	Section 12	Section 12	Section 12	N/A
3b	Section 12	Section 12	Section 12	N/A
3c	Section 12	Section 12	Section 12	N/A
Fourth degree tears	Section 12	Section 12	Section 12	N/A
Rectal buttonhole tear	Section 12	Section 12	Section 12	N/A
Type of Hospital/Unit? (please X or ✓)	Free-standing Midwifery Unit ✓	Alongside Midwifery Unit	Obstetrician Led Labour Ward	State Other:

Name of Hospital / Unit	Glangwili Hospital			
Address	Dolgwili Road Carmarthen SA31 2AF			
	Total	Primiparous	Multiparous	Don't Know
All Births	2,385	Section 12	Section 12	2,385
Vaginal deliveries	1,168	Section 12	Section 12	1,168
Assisted Delivery- (inclusive of both forceps or	235	Section 12	Section 12	235

ventouse deliveries)				
Forceps deliveries	Section 12	Section 12	Section 12	N/A
Ventouse deliveries	Section 12	Section 12	Section 12	N/A
Failed ventouse → Forceps deliveries	Section 12	Section 12	Section 12	N/A
Caesarean Section	982	Section 12	Section 12	982
Elective caesarean section	462	Section 12	Section 12	462
Emergency caesarean Section	514	Section 12	Section 12	514
Second degree tears	Section 12	Section 12	Section 12	N/A
Sutured second degree tears	Section 12	Section 12	Section 12	N/A
Episiotomies	257	Section 12	Section 12	N/A
Third and fourth degree tears collectively	30	Section 12	Section 12	257
Third degree tears	Section 12	Section 12	Section 12	30
3a	Section 12	Section 12	Section 12	N/A
3b	Section 12	Section 12	Section 12	N/A
3c	Section 12	Section 12	Section 12	N/A
Fourth degree tears	Section 12	Section 12	Section 12	N/A
Rectal buttonhole tear	Section 12	Section 12	Section 12	N/A
Type of Hospital/Unit? (please X or ✓)	Free-standing Midwifery Unit	Alongside Midwifery Unit ✓	Obstetrician Led Labour Ward ✓	State Other:

Name of Hospital / Unit	Bronglais Hospital
Address	Caradog Road

	Aberystwyth SY23 1ER			
	Total	Primiparous	Multiparous	Don't Know
All Births	405	Section 12	Section 12	405
Vaginal deliveries	241	Section 12	Section 12	241
Assisted Delivery- (inclusive of both forceps or, ventouse deliveries)	35	Section 12	Section 12	35
Forceps deliveries	Section 12	Section 12	Section 12	N/A
Ventouse deliveries	Section 12	Section 12	Section 12	N/A
Failed ventouse → Forceps deliveries	Section 12	Section 12	Section 12	N/A
Caesarean Section	164	Section 12	Section 12	164
Elective caesarean section	71	Section 12	Section 12	71
Emergency caesarean Section	93	Section 12	Section 12	93
Second degree tears	Section 12	Section 12	Section 12	N/A
Sutured second degree tears	Section 12	Section 12	Section 12	N/A
Episiotomies	29	Section 12	Section 12	29
Third and fourth degree tears collectively	*	Section 12	Section 12	*
Third degree tears	Section 12	Section 12	Section 12	N/A
3a	Section 12	Section 12	Section 12	N/A
3b	Section 12	Section 12	Section 12	N/A

3c	Section 12	Section 12	Section 12	N/A
Fourth degree tears	Section 12	Section 12	Section 12	N/A
Rectal buttonhole tear	Section 12	Section 12	Section 12	N/A
Type of Hospital/Unit? (please X or ✓)	Free-standing Midwifery Unit	Alongside Midwifery Unit ✓	Obstetrician Led Labour Ward ✓	State Other:

How are third- and fourth-degree tears classified for data collection? (please X or ✓)				
3 rd degree tears X	3 rd & 4 th degree tears separately X	Grade 3a, 3b, 3c, 4 th degree X	Don't know X	Third and fourth degree tears collectively ✓
Do you have a designated perineal clinic	Yes X	No ✓		
If yes, is it (please X or ✓)	Midwifery led	Obstetrician led	State Other:	
Please kindly provide names of perineal clinic leads and designation Name: Contact Address Email:				
If No, how are women with 3 rd & 4 th degree tears followed up? (please X or ✓)				
Community midwives ✓	GP X	Hospital antenatal clinic X	Others – Please state ✓ Physiotherapy	

			Outpatients Gynae Clinic	
Do you have a designated women's health physiotherapist? (please X or ✓) ✓				
If yes, how many?	Three (3) – one located in each county Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire			
If yes, when do they follow up women with 3 rd & 4 th degree tears				
Antenatal	Postnatal ✓	Ward prior to discharge	Other- Please state ✓ Dedicated outpatient clinic	
What maternity data system is used in your unit? (please X or ✓)				
Epic: X	Terranova: X	Euro king: X	Cerner: X	Other: ✓
Any further comments:	The UHB uses the Welsh Patient Administration System (WPAS)			
Kindly provide the following details in case we need clarification.				
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