

Reference:	FOI.17677.25
Subject:	Maternity statistics for Bronglais General Hospital (BGH)
Date of Request:	7 July 2025

Requested:

Please will you provide the following information regarding the maternity statistics for Bronglais Hospital for the last year:

1. The percentage of women who have induction of labour
2. The percentage of labours that are augmented with syntocinon
3. The percentage of births by elective caesarean
4. The percentage of births by emergency caesarean
5. The percentage of induced labours that led to caesarean section
6. The percentage of spontaneous labours that led to caesarean section
7. The percentage of primips who had a caesarean
8. The percentage of multips who had a caesarean
9. The total number of births and any other information needed to put these figures into context.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with all of the information requested, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The “appropriate limit” represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours (or 2½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

As the information requested for question 2 is not collated and recorded centrally, the UHB would need to undertake a manual trawl of all Maternity patient records for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, to identify any information that may fulfil this part of your request.

The UHB confirms there were four hundred and nineteen (419) births in BGH during the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025. Therefore, to provide you with the exact information for this period alone, conducting the search would far exceed the ‘appropriate limit’, costing the UHB the following:

419 @ 15 minutes per item = 104.75 hours
104.75 hours @ £25 per hour = £2,618.75

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), which provides an exemption from a public authority's obligation to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit.

However, under section 16 of the FoIA, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance. Therefore, the UHB provides the accessible information it holds within the table below for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

No.	Question	Answer
1.	Percentage of women who have induction of labour	26.73%
2.	Percentage of labours that are augmented with syntocinon	Section 12 exemption applied
3.	Percentage of births by elective caesarean	17.18%
4.	Percentage of births by emergency caesarean	23.15%
5.	Percentage of induced labours that led to caesarean section	10.70%
6.	Percentage of spontaneous labours that led to caesarean section	13.10%
7.	Percentage of primips who had a caesarean	22.40%
8.	Percentage of multips who had a caesarean	18.60%
9.	Total number of births and any other information needed to put these figures into context.	419