

Ref no: 181211020  
From: Public  
Date: 21/10/20  
Subject: Caesarean sections.

## REQUEST & RESPONSE

1. Can you tell me what guidance or material midwives or specialist midwives are given for consideration regarding caesarean sections.

This could include - research, the cost of a caesarean and related medical procedures for the hospital/Trust or NHS. If research, please include a brief description - for example, whether the research relates to a possible link between a c-section and autism in children,

**Please see attached.**

2. Please breakdown whether staff are advised whether to share this information with a patient or not (it may be left up to them of course).

**Yes**

If it does not take me over the limit, I would also like to know -

3. Please confirm whether medical staff (including doctors, nurses and midwives) have targets or measured in any other way in terms of the number of caesareans carried out at the hospitals.

**No**

4. If there are targets or performance measurement, what are these please and what have the figures been for the last three years?

**Target <32%**

**Caesarean sections performed**  
**2017=1221 30.1% of all deliveries**  
**2018=1232 30.4% of all deliveries**  
**2019=1269 32.5% of all deliveries**