



Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

**Request Ref: NGFOI 16/17: 56**

Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 03/05/16.

I am pleased that we are now able to provide you with a response to your request as shown below.

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You requested:

*All information should be broken down in years - 2014, 2015 and for 2016 up until the date this request was received.*

- 1. How many women gave birth alone without the assistance of a midwife?**
- 2. How many women gave birth outside of a maternity ward? Where did those women give birth (i.e. ambulances, A&E departments, corridors)?**
- 3. How many women gave birth using stirrups?**

**Response from Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH):**

- 1. How many women gave birth alone without the assistance of a midwife?**

The following figures show the number of women who gave birth before arriving at the hospital or the midwife arriving at the home. No women gave birth alone without the assistance of a midwife in the maternity unit.

2014 – 62 women  
2015 – 36 women  
2016 to date – 13 women

- 2. How many women gave birth outside of a maternity ward? Where did those women give birth (i.e. ambulances, A&E departments, corridors)?**

2014 – 7 women delivered outside maternity ward (4 in hospital car park, 3 in ambulance)

2015 - 7 women delivered outside maternity ward (1 in car on route to hospital, 1 in hospital car park, 3 in ambulance, 1 in A&E and 1 in other hospital location)

1.1.2016 - 6.5.2016 – 5 women delivered outside maternity ward (3 in transit 2 of which had a midwife present and 2 in other hospital location)

- 3. How many women gave birth using stirrups?**

I can confirm on behalf of the Trust and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information you have requested in a centralised system.