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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_536_24

You asked:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (2000). Please provide the following information to help us understand the scale of restrictions to the rights of women and birthing people to choose their place of birth across the UK, as we campaign for improvements in maternity care for all women and birthing people.

1. Does your Health Board operate a home birth service for women and birthing people (regardless of whether such services are offered through a dedicated team or integrated into wider maternity services)?

Yes.

2. If so, are home birth services available 24 hours a day, seven days a week across the whole geographic area overseen by the Trust?

Yes.

3. Has your Health Board been able to provide home birth services to women and birthing people 24 hours a day, seven days a week without any suspensions or restrictions to that ability in the last 12 months? Please note in using the terms suspensions or restrictions we include (but are not limited to) restrictions to the days/times when home births can be attended by midwives or not being able to offer a home birth service at all for a period of time. We do not include unforeseen staff shortages on a particular shift here.

Yes.

4. Please include the terms and reason(s) for any suspensions or restrictions in the last 12 months.

N/A.

5. Has your Health Board been unable to send midwives to attend a home birth due to unforeseen circumstances (such as staff shortages or sickness) on a particular shift in the last 12 months? Please include how many times this has occurred in the last 12 months.

No.

6. How many home births have been attended by midwives in your Health Board in the last 12 months, including those resulting in intrapartum and/or postnatal transfer into hospital and those resulting in a baby being born at home with no transfer-in?

We can confirm there have been 84 home births over the last 12 months. We do not capture data electronically/centrally for those resulting in intrapartum transfer.