

Maternity and Neonatal Services at Belfast Trust

Statistics 2017 -2018

At Belfast Trust we are committed to providing you with clear information about our services. These recent published statistics from our Belfast Trust Maternity Service provides you with data to help you make a choice about where to give birth. Variations in type of birth outcome can sometimes be related to the general health of the mother and baby both before and during the pregnancy.

Total number of mothers	5322
Total number of babies born	5412

Babies born by method

Normal births	59.1%
Caesarean sections	28.6%
Vacuum births	4.7%
Forceps births	6.7%
Breech births	0.8%
Episiotomy	21.5%
Number of babies born in the Birthing pool	145

Breastfeeding going home from maternity unit	44%
Number of homebirths in Belfast Trust area	0.1%