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Subject: Previous C-Section and Birthing Pool Use

REQUEST

1. Number of Women Using a Birthing Pool/Water Immersion Following a Previous Caesarean Section:

Please provide the number of women who had a previous caesarean section and used a birthing pool or water immersion during a subsequent labour and/or birth in your Trust for each of the following time periods:

1. 01 January 2013 – 31 December 2013
2. 01 January 2014 – 31 December 2014
3. 01 January 2015 – 31 December 2015
4. 01 January 2016 – 31 December 2016
5. 01 January 2017 – 31 December 2017
6. 01 January 2018 - 31 December 2018
7. 01 January 2019 - 31 December 2019
8. 01 January 2020 - 31 December 2020
9. 01 January 2021 - 31 December 2021
10. 01 January 2022 - 31 December 2022
11. 01 January 2023 - 31 December 2023

2. Clinical Guidelines:

- Please provide copies of any current maternity/midwifery/obstetric clinical guidelines, policies or protocols specifically relating to:
 - The use of water immersion or birthing pools during labour and/or birth.
 - Vaginal birth after caesarean section (VBAC).
- Please provide copies of any other maternity/midwifery/obstetric clinical guidelines, policies or protocols which contain information about water immersion/birthing pools during labour and/or birth.
- Please provide copies of any other maternity/midwifery/obstetric clinical guidelines, policies or protocols which contain information about vaginal birth after caesarean section.

RESPONSE

Whiston site response

1.

Calendar Year	Number women who had a previous caesarean section and used a birthing pool/water immersion for subsequent labour
27/2/2013-31/12/2013 *	0
2014	0
2015	<5
2016	<5
2017	<5
2018	<5
2019	5
2020	<5
2021	6
2022	<5
2023	<5

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The MIS went live 27/2/2013, information can only be collated from this date.

2. Please see attached.

Ormskirk site response

1. The MIS went live at Ormskirk 16/01/2016, information can only be collated from this date.

Calendar Year	Number women who had a previous caesarean section and used a birthing pool/water immersion for subsequent labour
2016	<5
2017	<5
2018	<5
2019	<5
2020	0
2021	0
2022	<5
2023	<5

2. Please see attached