

## Freedom of Information Request

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### Information Requested:

Please provide the following information broken down by **each** full calendar year **2019-2023** inclusive, and all available information for the calendar year **2024** so far:

- The total number of women in labour who **requested** an epidural for pain relief
- The total number of women in labour who **received** an epidural for pain relief
- The number of women who **did not** receive the epidural requested
- The number of women who received the epidural within **30 minutes** of making the request (0-30 minutes inclusive)
- The number of women who received the epidural within **60 minutes** of making the request (0-60 minutes inclusive)
- The number of women who received the epidural later than **60 minutes** after making the request (61 minutes and above)
- The **longest** recorded epidural waiting time

**These figures should not include women who received an epidural during a planned or emergency Caesarean section.**

Please note that Essex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust is a provider of mental health and community services. As such, we do not provide maternity services which are provided for through secondary care hospital services. We therefore do not hold the information you have requested.

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