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Date: 27 January 2022  
Your Ref:  
Our Ref: MM/HC FOI 12451  
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Dear Caithness Health Action Team

**Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Request Ref 12451  
Caithness Maternity and Paediatric Information**

With reference to your request for information dated 28 December regarding the above, please find below your questions and our response:-

- **Can we please have the number of Caithness women that gave birth in Caithness General Hospital CMU for 2021.**

10.

- **The number of Caithness women that gave birth in Raigmore Hospital in 2021**

170.

- **The number of Caithness women that gave birth elsewhere in 2021**

<5.

Where the numbers are very low (i.e. between 1 and 4) we will state this as <5. This is in accordance with Health Board practice as to provide this level of information could potentially lead to identification of the individuals involved.

Information released should not identify either explicitly or inexplicitly any individuals and therefore, I have been unable to provide the level of detail you have requested. The information you seek constitutes personal data in respect of which disclosure would contravene the Data Protection principles and this constitutes a ground of exemption in terms of Section 38(1) (b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.



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Chair: Professor Boyd Robertson  
Chief Executive: Pam Dudek

- **The number of Caithness women that had emergency caesarean sections in Raigmore 2021**

38.

- **The number of Caithness women that had emergency caesarean sections in Caithness General Hospital in 2021**

0.

- **The number of Caithness women that had elective caesarean sections in Raigmore in 2021**

31.

- **The number of Caithness women that were induced in Raigmore in 2021**

92.

- **The number of Caithness women that were induced in Caithness General CMU in 2021**

0.

- **The number of pregnant Caithness women who were induced before 41 weeks in in Raigmore in 2021**

NHS Highland is not able to provide the information requested due to lack of recording mechanism and the complexity of the request. This information is only held in individual patient medical records and not recorded centrally. To identify the information which you request would require review of all patient records during this period.

Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, we must formally decline to provide the information you request due to the excessive cost of compliance. Section 12 of the Act means Scottish public authorities are not obliged to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the £600 ceiling prescribed in regulations made by the Scottish Ministers.

- **The number of pregnant Caithness women who were induced after 41 weeks in Raigmore in 2021**

NHS Highland is not able to provide the information requested due to lack of recording mechanism and the complexity of the request. This information is only held in individual patient medical records and not recorded centrally. To identify the information which you request would require review of all patient records during this period.

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- **The number of Caithness women that had forceps or ventouse deliveries in Raigmore in 2021**

11.

- **The number of Caithness women that had forceps or ventouse deliveries in Caithness General Hospital CMU in 2021**

0.

- **The number of Caithness women with normal spontaneous births in Raigmore in 2021**

90.

- **The number of Caithness women with normal spontaneous births in Caithness General Hospital CMU in 2021**

10.

- **Information relating to the success rate for Caithness women breast feeding for 2021 from birth and also figures taken from the six -8 week postnatal check**

Information on this is still being collated and is taking longer than expected. As soon as we have this information we will forward this on to you.

- **The number of maternal transfers to Raigmore Hospital by modes of transport for 2021.**

- **Transfers by road ambulance: 17.**
- **Transfers by own transport: 41.**
- **Transfers by air ambulance: <5.**

- **The number of neonatal transfers by mode of transport for 2021**

- **Transfers by road ambulance: 0**
- **Transfers by own transport: 0**
- **Transfers by air ambulance: <5**

- **The number of SAER or Duty of Candours relating to maternity or neonatal/paediatric for Caithness women and families in 2021**

None.

- **The number of Caithness babies having to return to Raigmore for jaundice checks /treatments in 2021**

NHS Highland is not able to provide the information at present. This information is only held in individual patient medical records and not recorded centrally. To identify the information which you request would require review of all patient records during this period.

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- **The number of Caithness babies having to return to Raigmore for hearing tests in 2021**

Information on this is still being collated and is taking longer than expected. As soon as we have this information we will forward this on to you.

- **The number of Caithness babies having to return to Raigmore to get their hips checked in 2021**

Information on this is still being collated and is taking longer than expected. As soon as we have this information we will forward this on to you.

I hope this response is helpful. If you are unhappy with my response, I am very happy to discuss this with you further. Alternatively you have the right to ask for an internal review by making a formal request in writing to the:-

Freedom of Information Officer  
NHS Highland  
Assynt House  
Beechwood Park  
Inverness, IV2 3BW

or by email [nhsh.foirequestshighland@nhs.scot](mailto:nhsh.foirequestshighland@nhs.scot)

Your request should explain why you wish a review to be carried out and should be made within forty working days of receiving this letter.

If you remain dissatisfied following the investigation of your review, then you have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of the date of receiving the review response. Contact details are as follows:

Scottish Information Commissioner  
Kinburn Castle  
Doubledykes Road  
St Andrews  
KY16 9DS

Telephone: 01334 464610

Fax: 01334 464611

Website: [www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal)

Yours sincerely

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*On behalf of*  
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