

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – INTERVENTIONS AT BIRTH

I write in response to your request for information in relation to interventions at birth in NHS Lothian.

Question:

1. Please provide the number of babies born at Simpsons (Edinburgh Royal Infirmary) from 1st October 2024 to 1st October 2025.
2. How many of the babies born in Question 1 were born at less than 27 weeks gestation, or weighed less than 800 grams, or needed multiple intensive care interventions or surgeries.

Answer:

The information you have requested is detailed in the table below:

Babies born, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, 1 October 2024 - 1 October 2025	
Intervention / condition	Number of babies
Weight <800 grams	37
Born <27 weeks gestation	47
Neonatal Unit admission	643
Multiple intensive care admissions	15
Surgery	8
Total babies born	5,433

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at <https://www.foi.scot/appeal>. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the reviewer at the address at the top of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

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