



## FOI 3180

Date 24/10/2024

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

- 1. The number of newborns taken into care directly from the maternity wards within your NHS Trust over the past 5 years**

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Luton</b>	20	16	13	14	17
<b>Bedford</b>	19	20	18	12	12

- 2. Please state whether records are kept by your Trust, copies of court orders provided by social workers for the removal of each infant.**

Yes, requests are made to social workers for copies of court order and these are kept by the Trust.

- 3. How many live births are recorded for each year.**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
<b>Luton</b>	462	388	432	420	451	476	509	465	469	457	461	445	5435
<b>Bedford</b>	214	185	213	208	226	234	224	238	227	219	228	233	2649

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Yours sincerely,

*FOI Officer*

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