

**Reference:** FOI 23908 GLO 11M

**Subject:** Caesarean Section

QUESTION	RESPONSE				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advise the total number of caesarean sections you have paid for in the year April 16-April 17. We would like you to provide a breakdown of the number of unplanned caesareans and the number of planned caesareans- both the actual number and the percentage of overall total births.</li> </ul>	Provider Organisation	Elective	Emergency	Non Elective	Grand Total
	GRAND TOTAL	160	1	1275	1436
	Summary				
	Caesareans	1,436			
	Gloucestershire live births in 2016	6,739			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In addition please provide any additional information/categorization of the reasons recorded for the planned caesareans. (We would like to find out how many planned caesareans were carried out primarily for a psychological reason and how many planned caesareans were carried out with no obstetric, medical or significant psychological reason)</li> </ul>	Percentage of all live births that are caesarean	21%			
	<p>Gloucestershire CCG does not hold this information.</p>				

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Are there any circumstances in which you as a CCG would refuse to fund a caesarean section? If so please specify what these circumstances are.</b></li> </ul>	<p>There are no circumstances in which we would refuse to fund a caesarean section. We specify that clinicians follow NICE guidance within the scope of their decision making.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>What guideline or policy do you have in place with your providers on how they should deal with maternal request Caesarean sections? If one is in place please provide us with a copy.</b></li> </ul>	<p>We do not have a policy in place with regard to maternal request for caesarean section. We specify that clinicians follow NICE guidance within the scope of their decision making.</p>

***The information provided in this response is accurate as of 03 January 2018, and has been authorised for release by Cath Leech, Chief Finance Officer for NHS Gloucestershire CCG.***