

Maternity Safety Statement

This is a monthly report, specific to the hospital named below setting out a range of information on the safety of maternity services. (Version 4 – November 2020)

Hospital Name	Letterkenny University Hospital	Reporting Month	December 2025
Purpose & Context	<p>This Statement is used to inform local hospital and hospital Group management in carrying out their role in safety and quality improvement. The objective in publishing the Statement each month is to provide public assurance that maternity services are delivered in an environment that promotes open disclosure.</p> <p>It is not intended that the monthly Statement be used as a comparator with other units or that statements would be aggregated at hospital Group or national level. It assists in an early warning mechanism for issues that require local action and/ or escalation</p> <p>It is important to note tertiary and referral maternity centres will care for a higher complexity of patients (mothers and babies), therefore clinical activity in these centres will be higher and therefore no comparisons should be drawn with units that do not look after complex cases.</p> <p>Maternity Safety Statements form part of the suite of key performance indicators for the maternity services. Hospitals must populate and publish on a monthly basis (2 months in arrears). Additionally the statements are discussed at the Hospital Group Maternity Network meetings with the National Women and Infants Health Programme as part of the quality and safety agenda.</p>		

Headings	Ref	Information Areas	2025	
			December	Year to date
Hospital Activities	1	Total mothers delivered \geq 500g (n)	137	1488
	2	Multiple pregnancies (n)	3	22
	3	Total births \geq 500g (n)	140	1510
	4	Perinatal mortality rate – adjusted (per 1,000 total births)	0.0 Per 1,000	1.3 Per 1,000
	5	In utero transfer – admitted (n)	0	0
	6	In utero transfer – sent out (n)	0	20
Major Obstetric Events	7	Total combined rate (per 1,000 total mothers delivered) of major obstetric events for the following four obstetric metrics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eclampsia; Uterine rupture; Peripartum hysterectomy; and Pulmonary embolism. 	0.0 Per 1,000	2.0 Per 1,000