

# Survey of perineal tears and obstetric practice in the UK

We would appreciate if you would kindly complete this short but important survey. This information would help us to establish accurate prevalence data and establish the current national practice regarding follow-up of third- and fourth-degree tears between 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023- 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 and correlate data with the maternity dashboard.

Thank you.

Name of Hospital/ Unit	<b>Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB)</b>			
Address	<b>Glasbury House, Bronllys Hospital, Bronllys, Powys LD3 0LU</b>			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Primiparous</b>	<b>Multiparous</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
All Births	<b>179</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>0</b>
Vaginal deliveries	<b>179</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>0</b>
Forceps deliveries	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Ventouse deliveries	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Failed ventouse → Forceps deliveries	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Caesarean Section	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Elective caesarean section	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Emergency caesarean Section	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Second degree tears	<b>60</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>
Sutured second degree tears	<b>60</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>
Episiotomies	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
Third degree tears	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
3a	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
3b	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
3c	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Fourth degree tears	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Rectal buttonhole tear	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Type of Hospital/Unit? (please X or ✓)	Free-standing Midwifery Unit ✓	Alongside Midwifery Unit <b>X</b>	Obstetrician Led Labour Ward <b>X</b>	State Other: <b>Home (included in totals above)</b>
How are third- and fourth-degree tears classified for data collection? (please X or ✓)				
3 <sup>rd</sup> degree tears	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> degree tears separately ✓	Grade 3a, 3b, 3c, 4 <sup>th</sup> degree <b>X</b>	Don't know <b>X</b>	

Do you have a designated perineal clinic	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>		
If yes, is it (please X or ✓)	Midwifery led	Obstetrician led	State Other:	
Please kindly provide names of perineal clinic leads and designation. Name/ Contact Address / Email:	<b>I can confirm PTHB does not have a Perineal clinic lead.</b>			
If No, how are women with 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> degree tears followed up? (please X or ✓)				
Community midwives	<b>GP</b>	<b>Hospital antenatal clinic</b> ✓	<b>Others – Please state</b>	
Do you have a designated women's health physiotherapist? (please X or ✓)				
If yes, how many?	<b>2</b>			
If yes, when do they follow up women with 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> degree tears	<b>Yes</b>			
Antenatal	Postnatal <b>X</b>	Postnatal – <b>6 weeks</b>	Ward prior to discharge – <b>N/A</b>	Other- Please state
What maternity data system is used in your unit? (please X or ✓)				
Epic	Terranova <b>X</b>	Euro king <b>X</b>	Cerner <b>X</b>	Other: <b>Welsh Patient Administration System (WPAS)</b>
Any further comments:				
Kindly provide the following details in case we need clarification.				
Your name:	<b>Assistant Head of Midwifery.</b>			
Contact details: Email address:	<b><a href="mailto:Powys.maternity@wales.nhs.uk">Powys.maternity@wales.nhs.uk</a></b>			