

Freedom of Information request 3-18

Request

Under FoI, could you please provide information on the SIMD status of people who have not registered for a baby box, despite being eligible to receive one, between the national introduction of the scheme (for parents of babies due on or after August 15, 2017) and the end of 2017.

I understand from the Parent Club website (<http://www.parentclub.scot/baby-box#>) registration is offered by NHS midwives at antenatal appointments, who then send a card away on behalf of the parents who wish to register, so I am hoping you will hold this information.

I would like to know:

- How many women eligible to receive a baby box were recorded by the health board as living in an Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) 1 area (i.e, among the 20% most deprived areas in Scotland) and how many of these women did not register.
- How many eligible women were recorded by the health board as living in a SIMD2 area (i.e, among the 20%-40% most deprived areas in Scotland) and how many of these women did not register.
- How many eligible women were recorded by the health board as living in a SIMD3 area and how many of these women did not register.
- How many eligible women were recorded by the health board as living in SIMD4 area and how many of these women did not register.
- How many eligible women were recorded by the health board as living in SIMD5 area (i.e, among the 20% least deprived areas in Scotland) and how many of these women did not register.

Please use national SIMD data, rather than any local breakdown within the health board boundaries, if possible.

Please let me know if you require any further information. If you do not hold information by SIMD status, but have any data on take up of baby boxes by deprivation status in another format, please let me know.

Response

Please find below the data as per request, this data is for the period 1 January to 31 December 2017 which will include all women due on or after 15 August 2017:

SIMD quintile	Women booked	Percentage
1	95	90.53
2	191	86.91
3	357	92.44
4	318	85.53
5	72	90.28
Postcode not recorded	1	0
SIMD not mapped	65	84.62

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