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Dear Ms Foxcroft,

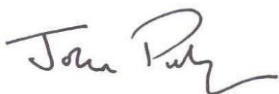
As National Statistician and Chief Executive of the UK Statistics Authority, I am responding to your Parliamentary Question asking what information is held on (a) the birth and (b) the infant mortality rate in (i) England, (ii) London and (iii) the London Borough of Lewisham for each of the last 10 years (**186401**).

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) is responsible for publishing statistics on births and deaths registered in England and Wales. The latest year for which the births registered in a calendar year are available is 2017<sup>1</sup>. Infant mortality figures are published for both the year the death was registered and the year the death occurred. The latest year for which the deaths registered in a calendar year are available is 2017<sup>2</sup>.

Table 1 provides the general fertility rate in (i) England, (ii) London and (iii) the London Borough of Lewisham, for the ten years 2008 to 2017. The general fertility rate is the number of live births per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44 years.

Table 2 provides the infant mortality rate in (i) England, (ii) London and (iii) the London Borough of Lewisham, for the ten years 2008 to 2017. The infant mortality rate is the number of deaths under one year old per 1,000 live births. A copy of both tables has been placed in the House of Commons Library.

Yours sincerely



**John Pullinger**

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/livebirths/datasets/birthsummarytables>

<sup>2</sup><https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths/datasets/deathregistrationsummarytableseotlandandwalesreferencetables>