

# Planned home birth with the HSE 2020



In Ireland, 0.4% of all births occurred at home in 2020. There were 345 women who registered for a home birth with 199 women giving birth at home.

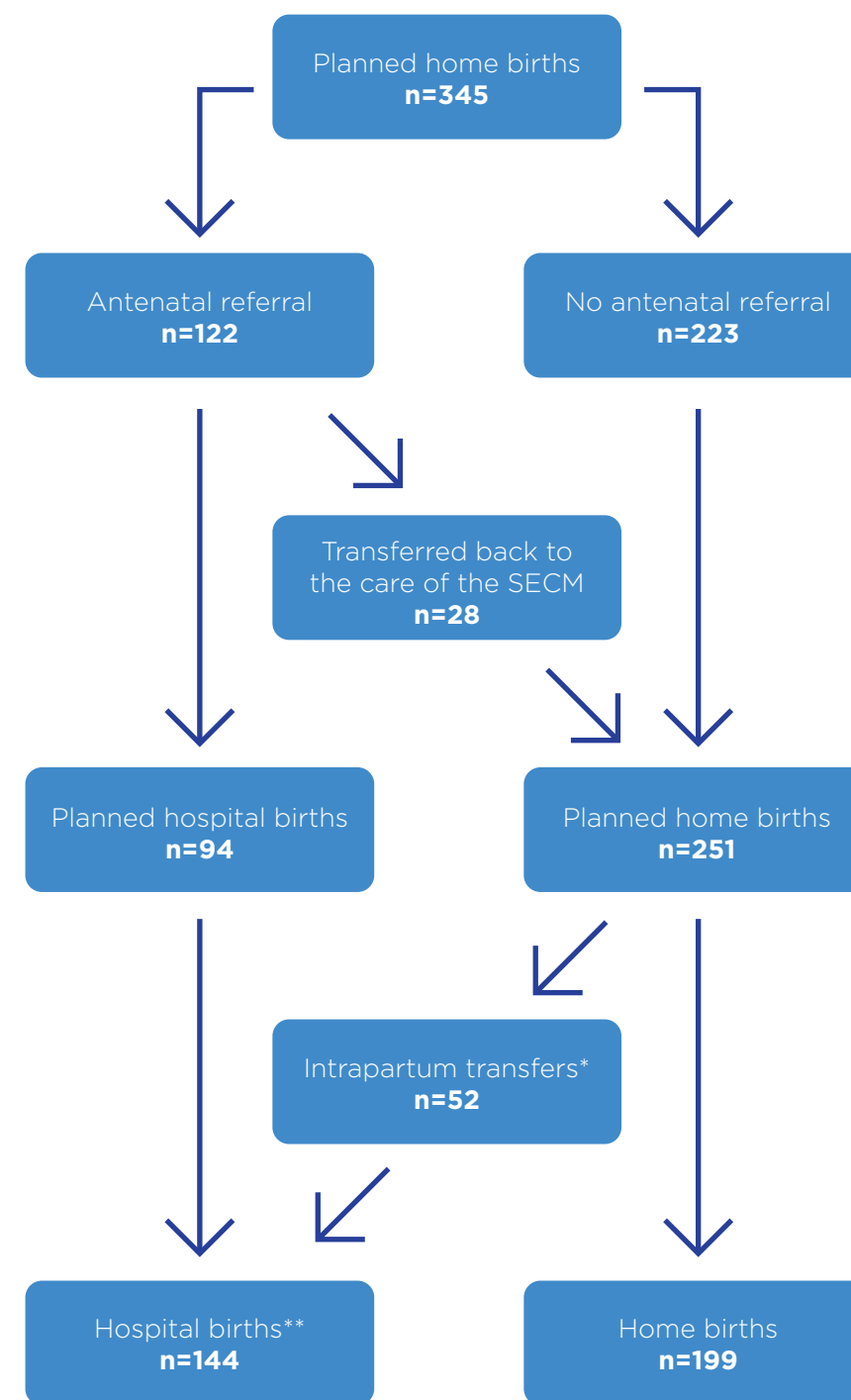


The average number of antepartum visits by the Self Employed Community Midwife (SECM) to women registered for a homebirth was six.



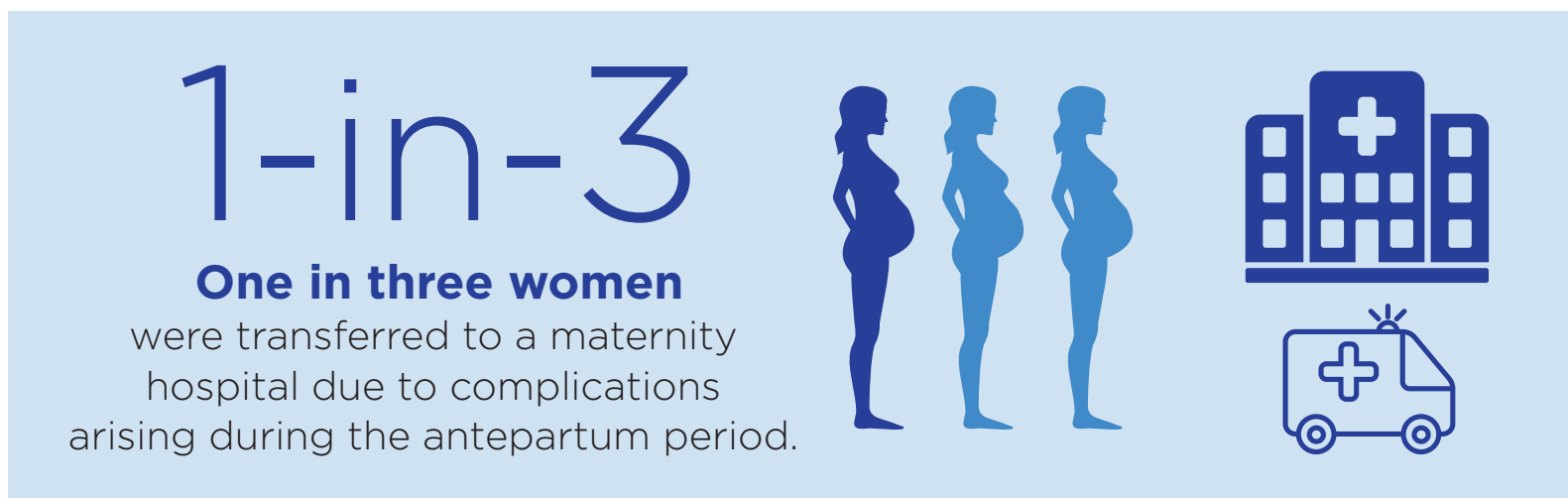
Almost three quarters of women who registered for a home birth in 2020 had a previous pregnancy.

## Flow Diagram for home births 2020



\*Of the 52 intrapartum transfers, one baby was born in transit.

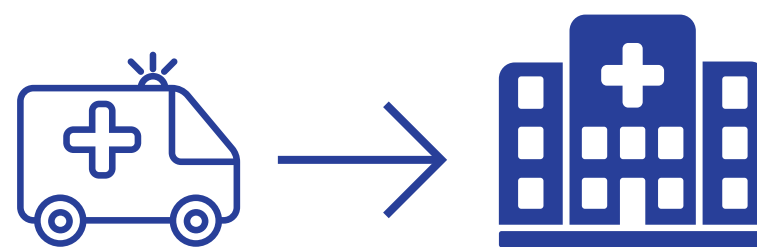
\*\*One woman who was registered for a home birth moved residence and was no longer under the care of Home Birth Service in Ireland.



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**Almost 21% of women** who began labouring at home were transferred to the maternity hospital in the intrapartum period, with the vast majority occurring during the first stage of labour (90%).

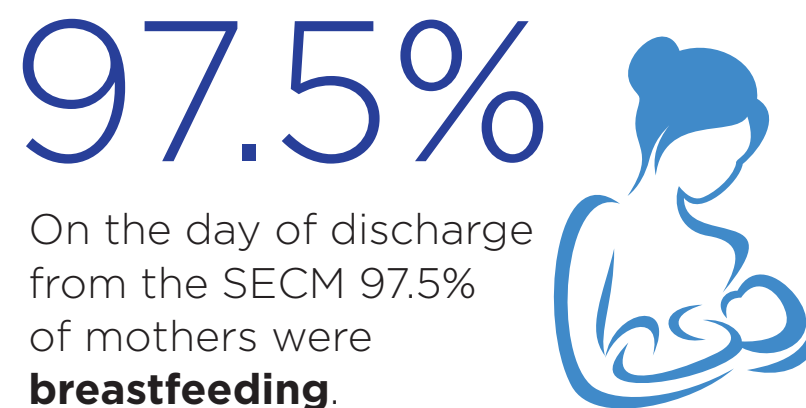


transfers (x3)

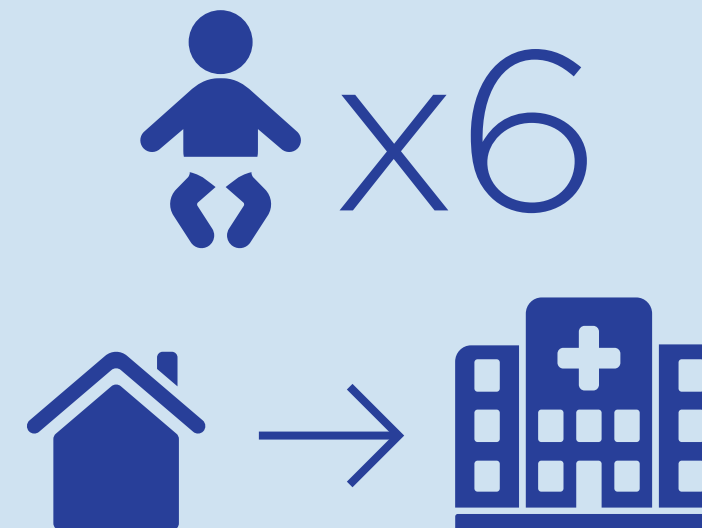
First time mothers were **three times** more likely to transfer during labour than women who had a previous birth (70% versus 30%).



On average, the mothers received **six postpartum visits** from the SECM.



On the day of discharge from the SECM 97.5% of mothers were **breastfeeding**.



**Six of all infants**

who were born at home were transferred to a maternity hospital. Of these, three were admitted to the neonatal intensive care unit and later discharged alive and well back to the care of the SECM.