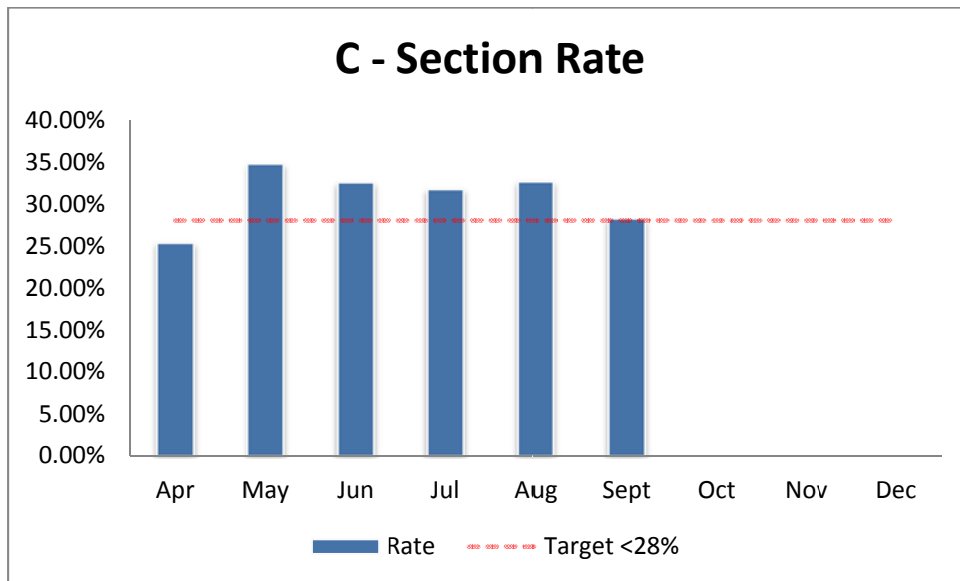


Maternity Services (Caesarean Births)

The following statistics in relation to births and c- sections relates to the period from 1 April 2013.

- No of deliveries 3971
- % of deliveries by C-Section 28.2%
- % of deliveries by planned (elective) C-Section 12.67%
- % of deliveries by emergency C-section 18.73%

The Trust has a contractually agreed performance target with its CCGs, to reduce the volume of caesarean sections to 28% by year end. Performance against this target is monitored by the commissioners through the Clinical Quality Review Group & the Contract Review Group. Good progress is being made against this target as can be seen in the graph below.



BCF would like to highlight that that significant improvement in performance will be demonstrated post the implementation of the BEH strategy when a centralised system providing direct Consultant support through increased hours of shop floor presence will provide increased supervision and input resulting in increased quality performance.