



TABLE 2: A COMPARISON OF HOME BIRTH AND HOSPITAL BIRTH (Nash 1987)

<u>Indicator</u>	<u>Home Birth *</u>		<u>Hospital Birth *</u>	
	No.	%	No.	%
Foetal distress	20	-	119	-
Post partum haemorrhage	9	-	25	-
Resuscitation of infant	14	-	52	-
Oxygen given baby	13	-	93	-
Forceps	13	1.2	320	30.6
C section	28	2.7	86	8.4
Episiotomy	103	9.8	914	87.4
Anaesthesia	35	3.3	803	76.8

\* Data from two equal, matched populations for home and hospital totalling 1046 each.