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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 3rd April requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding private maternity.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 How many patients paid for private maternity services via your Trust in the calendar years 2012, 2016, 2018 and 2022, 2023? Please break this down by year and say whether the births were consultant led natural delivery or consultant led caesarean. Please also say how much money was raised by the trust for private maternity services in those years.

A1 There were no private maternity patients for the calendar years specified

Q2 How many patients paid for a private room to stay in after birth via your Trust in the calendar years 2012, 2016, 2018 and 2022, 2023?

Please break this down by year and also state the money made for the Trust through this service in each of those years.

A2 We only hold the date paid for the room, not the date a room was used, therefore number of patients is when the payment was received.

2012 - None

2016 - 188

2018 - 223

Private Maternity rooms were stopped in March 2020 and have not re-commenced.

NOTE: We do not offer private maternity care.

But we did offer a private room after a patient gave birth for them to stay in if they paid, all within the usual NHS maternity ward. Side rooms were only given on medical grounds, but we gave patients a choice to pay for a side room if they wished. This was not private maternity care, only the room for one or two nights.

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Yours,





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