



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-100

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 10th May 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding maternity.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 times each maternity ward in your trust had to close to new admissions during the financial year 2023/24, and the previous 3 financial years.**

**For each closure please to give the length of time (in Hours and Minutes) for the closure and the reason for the closure. Please include any instances where escalate to divert procedures were invoked, or similar (again listing the duration).**

**Please can you also confirm if the data is given under the Open Government License or the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015**

**If the information is provided under the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015, as per the regulation 6 of the Re use of Public Sector information 2015 I would like to request re-use of the information for a news story.**

**I make my request in line with regulations and given my intended use, which will be commercial.**

**As per regulation 7 a public sector body must permit re use of the information where a request has been made in accordance with regulation 6.**

A1 See below:

Number of times closed – 1

Number of hours – 48 hours 30 minutes

Reason – high number of inductions waiting to be admitted.

\*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

Yours,





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