



**University Hospitals
of North Midlands**
NHS Trust

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 30th July 2018 (received into our office 31st July) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding maternity unit closures.

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 On how many occasions has your maternity unit been closed to new admissions in 2010 through to 2018 (Year to Date) inclusive. Please supply figures for each calendar year.

A1 In the time frame requested the Trust has not closed the maternity unit.

Q2 For each such closure, please state the duration of and the reason for the closure

A2 Not applicable.

Q3 For each closure, please state which maternity unit at which NHS Trust the mother consequently travelled to. If recorded, please state the distance the mother travelled because your maternity unit was closed to new admissions

A3 Not applicable.

*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.

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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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