



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-250

Date: 1st September 2021

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 4th August 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding maternity ward.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) 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 The number of times each maternity ward within your Trust had to close to new admissions during the period 1st January 2021 – 30th June 2021 (inclusive). Please also indicate any times that each unit had invoked escalate to divert procedures, or similar. For each instance please specify the duration in which the ward closed and the reason for the closure.

A1 The maternity wards at Royal Stoke have never closed

Q2 The number of times each maternity ward within your Trust reached full capacity during the period 1st January 2021 – 30th June 2021 (inclusive)

A2 Collectively all of the maternity unit wards have not reached full capacity. Ward 205 and ward 206 may reach capacity at different time intervals. We do on rare occasions need to use beds on our Midwife Birth Centre for postnatal women if both 205 and 206 are full

Q3 The percentage of qualified midwifery staff employed within each maternity department across your Trust that completed their mandatory training requirements as of 30th June (if it is not possible to provide figures for a single date, please provide for the month of June). Please also confirm the Trust's or local target for number of midwifery staff to have completed mandatory training.

A3 At 02/07/21 maternity specific mandatory training was 98% against a target compliance of 90%

Q4 The total number of open vacancies in each maternity department across your Trust as at the date of responding. Where possible please provide a breakdown by staff level i.e. band 5, band 6 and state whether these are unfilled vacancies.

A4 UHNM Maternity services have the following departments; our current vacancy of 1.9wte is for a band 5/6 rotational midwife for the delivery suite

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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.

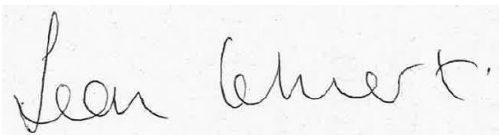
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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,





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