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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 21st January 2025 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding number of births

**Q1 The info we need is as follows. At UHNM for 23/24**

**1. No of beds**

A1 As at the end of March 2024 the Trust had 1,632 beds/cots across General and Acute, Day case, Critical Care, Neonatal and Escalation.

**Q2 No of full-time consultants**

A2 As at 31st March 2024 the total number of full time consultants was 470

**Q3 No of major operations per year**

A3 The Trust does not distinguish been an “operation” or “procedure”.

In addition, we do not class “operations” into major/minor.

To answer this question, we have identified an “operation” as a patient who has OPCS clinical coding applied to their record. Please note both operations and procedures have OPCS coding assigned to them. So, for the purpose of this FOI, using the below examples these are classed as “operations” . Please note that X406 is a procedure and W401 is an operation.

X406 CONTINUOUS AMBULATORY PERITONEAL DIALYSIS

W401 PRIMARY TOTAL PROSTHETIC REPLACEMENT OF KNEE JOINT USING CEM

The below information is based on where a patient is classed as either an elective or non-elective and has OPCS coding applied to their spell.

For the period 2023/24 there were 59,461 elective and non-elective spells that have OPCS coding applied to their records.

**Q4 Number of inpatients per year**

A4 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding this question, but feel this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the Trust's public website at the following link:

<https://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/media/iuxlvqz4/annual-report-2023-2024-final-with-accounts.pdf>  
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**Q5 Number of deliveries**

A5 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding this question, but feel this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the Trust's public website at the following link:

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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 relating to the response please contact my office

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Yours,



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Appendix

On 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 we contacted you via email with the following.  
To continue with your request we require clarification the following,

1. No of beds= are you referring Trust wide?
2. No of full time consultants – are you referring Trust wide?
3. No of major operations per year – please can you offer what you mean by major operations?
4. Number of inpatients per year
5. Number of deliveries - are you meaning births?

On the same day you replied via email with:

- '1. No of beds= are you referring trust wide? Trust wide please
2. No of full time consultants – are you referring trust wide? Trust wide please
3. No of major operations per year – please can you offer what you mean by major operations? I would say any that are not day case. Is that feasible?
4. Number of inpatients per year
5. Number of deliveries” are you meaning births? Yes births please'