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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to the maternity department.

- 1. Please tell me how many adverse events occurred in the maternity department in the financial years a) 2014/15 b) 2013/14*
- 2. For each incident in question 1a) and b), please specify the type of incident eg maternal death, unexpected neonatal death, stillbirth, medicines adverse incident, diagnosis etc.*
- 3. Please tell me on how many occasions a woman gave birth in a location other than a hospital bed in the financial years a) 2014/15 b) 2013/14*
- 4. Please specify the locations for 3a) and b)*
- 5. Please tell me how much the trust paid out in compensation to patients and families for maternity errors in the financial years a) 2014/15 and b) 2013/14*

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust has given the details of recorded serious incidents.

1.  
2013/14: 11  
2014/15: 6
2.  
2013/14  
Unexpected admission to NNU x 3  
Unexpected admission to ITU x 3  
Neonatal death x 1  
Retained vaginal pack x 3  
Retained tampon x 1

2014/2015

Unexpected admission to NNU x 3

Incorrect pack used x 1

Retained tampon x 1

Perforated bowel x 1

Transfer from Birth Centre: delivered before arrival at hospital

3.

As not all women give birth in hospital beds and may use all or some of the following, pools, standing, beanbags, homebirths, birth centre the Trust is unable to answer this part of the request.

4.

Please see above.

5.

The response to this part of your request is best confirmed by the NHSLA who manage negligence and other claims against the NHS in England on behalf of their member organisations.

The link to the NHSLA website is below:

[WWW.NHSLA.com](http://WWW.NHSLA.com)