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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 number of VBAC's allowed at Maidstone Birth Centre.

*Please could you provide information about the number of VBAC (Vaginal Birth after Caesarean Section) births that have been allowed at Maidstone Birth Centre in the last 5 years?*

- 1. How many VBAC's were allowed at Maidstone Birth Centre?*
- 2. How many of these had to transfer to Tunbridge Wells Hospital?*

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust do not accept women who have previously had a caesarean section at the Birth Centre because they are considered unsuitable for birthing in an out of hospital setting.

If a woman with a previous caesarean section arrives at the Birth centre in labour, the centre would instantly arrange transfer to Tunbridge Wells hospital. On the rare occasions where transfer has not been possible in these circumstances as labour was too advanced and the birth was imminent, the baby has been delivered without incident at the Birth centre