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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 maternity services 2011-2016.

1. *If your trust has (a) midwife-led birth ward/unit(s), on what date did the ward/unit(s) open (Year and month is fine)?*
2. *In the event that a patient admitted to commence delivery on a midwife-led birth unit/ward has to be transferred to a consultant-led unit, please list the facilities you have the option to transfer them to and provide the distance between the midwife-led unit and consultant-led unit in miles. If they are located on the same site as each other please say so.*
3. *How many mothers were admitted to commence delivery in each midwife-led unit in each of the following years (if applicable): 2011-12, 2013-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16?*
4. *How many mothers who started delivery in each midwife-led unit completed their delivery there in each of the following years (if applicable): 2011-12, 2013-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16?*
5. *How many mothers who started delivery in each midwife-led unit were transferred to hospital/consultant-led unit during delivery in each of the following years (if applicable): 2011-12, 2013-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16? I am seeking information on those who had to be moved to one of the facilities you listed in answer to question 2, above.*
6. *For each of the years in question 5, above, please provide the list of reasons for transfer and give the percentage of transfers for each reason.*
7. *How many mothers commenced delivery at home (a planned home birth) in each of the following years (if applicable): 2011-12, 2013-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16?*

8. *How many mothers who started delivery in a planned home birth completed their delivery there in each of the following years (if applicable): 2011-12, 2013-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16?*
9. *How many mothers who started delivery in a planned home birth were transferred to hospital/consultant-led unit during delivery in each of the following years (if applicable): 2011-12, 2013-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16?*
10. *For each of years in question 9 above, please provide the list of reasons for transfer and give the percentage of transfers for each reason.*
11. *How many mothers were admitted to commence delivery in a consultant-led unit in each of the following years (if applicable): 2011-12, 2013-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 (excluding those who had started on a midwife-led unit and were transferred)?*
12. *How many mothers were admitted to commence delivery in any other facility associated with your trust in each of the following years (if applicable): 2011-12, 2013-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16?*
13. *How many mothers who started delivery in any other facility associated with your trust were transferred to hospital/consultant-led unit during delivery in each of the following years (if applicable): 2011-12, 2013-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16?*
14. *For each of the years in question 13 above, please provide the list of reasons for transfer and give the percentage of transfers for each reason.*
15. *How many mothers who started delivery in any other facility associated with your trust completed their delivery there in each of the following years (if applicable): 2011-12, 2013-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16?*

1.

Maidstone Birth Centre (MBU) opened September 2011 and the Trust took over Crowborough Birthing Centre April 2016.

2.

Blue light (emergency) ambulance direct from Maidstone Birth Centre (on Maidstone hospital site) to Tunbridge Wells Hospital (TWH) which is consultant led site. Distance is 14 miles between sites.

Robust plans were put in place prior to the opening of the MBU to ensure that mothers to be are risk assessed prior to delivery there and are fully informed. They are then assessed continually through the delivery and at the first indication of any potential issue, the mother is ambulated to the Tunbridge Wells consultant led site to ensure the safety of both mother and baby. Mothers are accompanied in the ambulance by a midwife from the birth centre to ensure continuity of care and handover to the consultant led team.

3.

11/12 financial year – 170 mothers delivered at MBU and 54 transfers of women in established labour, total 224 admitted to commence delivery
12/13 financial year - 455 mothers delivered at MBU and 107 transfers of women in established labour, total 562 admitted to commence delivery
13/14 financial year - 392 mothers delivered at MBU and 111 transfers of women in established labour, total 503 admitted to commence delivery
14/15 financial year - 409 mothers delivered at MBU and 104 transfers of women in established labour, total 513 admitted to commence delivery
15/16 financial year - 429 mothers delivered at MBU and 110 transfers of women in established labour, total 539 admitted to commence delivery

4.

11/12 financial year – 170 mothers delivered at MBU between Sep11 and Mar12.

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13/14 financial year - 392 mothers delivered at MBU

14/15 financial year - 409 mothers delivered at MBU

15/16 financial year - 429 mothers delivered at MBU

5.

11/12 financial year – 54 transfers out from MBU to TWH of women in established labour

12/13 financial year – 107 transfers out from MBU to TWH of women in established labour

13/14 financial year – 111 transfers out from MBU to TWH of women in established labour

14/15 financial year – 104 transfers out from MBU to TWH of women in established labour

15/16 financial year – 110 transfers out from MBU to TWH of women in established labour

6. Please see attached file:

<u>Reasons for intrapartum transfers 11/12 financial year</u>		
What type of transfer	Intrapartum	
Month	(Multiple Items)	
Count of Mother Hosp No.		
1st Stage	2nd Stage	Total
Abnormal FH	(blank)	2
Abnormal presentation	(blank)	1
APH	(blank)	1
Meconium	Slow progress	1
	(blank)	11
Other - please	(blank)	1

specify		
Pain relief	(blank)	8
Raised BP	(blank)	1
Slow progress	(blank)	13
(blank)	Abnormal FH	1
	Meconium	1
	Slow progress	12
	(blank)	1
Grand Total		54
% reasons for intrapartum transfer:		
	1st stage (Abnormal Fetal heart)	3.7%
	1st stage (Abnormal presentation)	1.9%
	1st stage (APH)	1.9%
	1st stage (Meconium)	22.2%
	1st stage (Pain relief)	14.8%
	1st stage (Raised BP)	1.9%
	1st stage (Slow progress)	24.1%
	2nd stage (Abnormal fetal heart)	1.9%
	2nd stage (Meconium)	1.9%
	2nd stage (Slow progress)	22.2%
	1st stage (unspecified)	1.9%
	2nd stage (unspecified)	1.9%

<i>Reasons for intrapartum transfers 12/13 financial year</i>		
What type of transfer	Intrapartum	
Month	(Multiple Items)	
Count of Mother Hosp No.		
1st Stage	2nd Stage	Total
Abnormal FH	(blank)	3
Abnormal presentation	(blank)	4
APH	(blank)	4
Meconium	Slow progress	1
	(blank)	18
Other - please specify	(blank)	6
Pain relief	(blank)	8
Risk factors identified	(blank)	3
Slow progress	Other - please specify	1

	(blank)	27
(blank)	Abnormal presentation	1
	Meconium	7
	Other - please specify	1
	Slow progress	21
	(blank)	2
Grand Total		107
	1st stage (Abnormal Fetal heart)	2.8%
	1st stage (Abnormal presentation)	3.7%
	1st stage (APH)	3.7%
	1st stage (Meconium)	17.8%
	1st stage (Pain relief)	7.5%
	1st stage (Risk factors)	2.8%
	1st stage (Slow progress)	26.2%
	2nd stage (Abnormal presentation)	0.9%
	2nd stage (Meconium)	6.5%
	2nd stage (Slow progress)	19.6%
	1st stage (unspecified)	5.6%
	2nd stage (unspecified)	2.8%

<u>Reasons for intrapartum transfers 12/13 financial year</u>		
What type of transfer	Intrapartum	
Month	(All)	
Count of Mother Hosp No.		
1st Stage	2nd Stage	Total
Abnormal FH	(blank)	3
Abnormal presentation	Slow progress	1
	(blank)	4
APH	(blank)	4
Meconium	(blank)	18
Other - please specify	Other - please specify	1
	(blank)	12
Pain relief	(blank)	7
Risk factors identified	(blank)	2
Slow progress	(blank)	31
(blank)	Abnormal FH	2
	Meconium	1
	Other - please specify	1

	Slow progress	22
	(blank)	2
Grand Total		111
	1st stage (Abnormal Fetal heart)	2.7%
	1st stage (Abnormal presentation)	4.5%
	1st stage (APH)	3.6%
	1st stage (Meconium)	16.2%
	1st stage (Pain relief)	6.3%
	1st stage (Risk factors)	1.8%
	1st stage (Slow progress)	27.9%
	2nd stage (Abnormal fetal heart)	1.8%
	2nd stage (Meconium)	0.9%
	2nd stage (Slow progress)	19.8%
	1st stage (unspecified)	11.7%
	2nd stage (unspecified)	2.7%

<u>Reasons for intrapartum transfers 14/15 financial year</u>		
What type of transfer	Intrapartum	
Month	(Multiple Items)	
Count of Mother Hosp No.		
1st Stage	2nd Stage	Total
Abnormal FH	(blank)	3
Abnormal presentation	Meconium	1
APH	(blank)	2
Meconium	Slow progress	2
	(blank)	23
Other - please specify	Other - please specify	1
	(blank)	9
Pain relief	(blank)	5
PROM	(blank)	1
Risk factors identified	(blank)	2
Slow progress	(blank)	18
(blank)	Meconium	6
	Slow progress	28
	(blank)	3
Grand Total		104
	1st stage (Abnormal Fetal heart)	2.9%

	1st stage (Abnormal presentation)	1.0%
	1st stage (APH)	1.9%
	1st stage (Meconium)	24.0%
	1st stage (Pain relief)	4.8%
	1st stage (PROM)	1.0%
	1st stage (Risk factors)	1.9%
	1st stage (Slow progress)	17.3%
	2nd stage (Meconium)	5.8%
	2nd stage (Slow progress)	26.9%
	1st stage (unspecified)	9.6%
	2nd stage (unspecified)	2.9%

Reasons for intrapartum transfers 14/15 financial year

What type of transfer	Intrapartum	
Month	(Multiple Items)	
Count of Mother Hosp No.		
1st Stage	2nd Stage	Total
Abnormal FH	(blank)	5
Abnormal presentation	(blank)	5
APH	(blank)	3
Light mec	(blank)	10
Meconium	(blank)	2
Other - please specify	Other - please specify	1
	(blank)	4
Pain relief	(blank)	7
PROM	(blank)	3
Risk factors identified	(blank)	1
Significant mec	(blank)	9
Slow progress	(blank)	31
(blank)	Abnormal FH	2
	Light mec	1
	Significant mec	4
	Slow progress	18
	(blank)	4
Grand Total		110
	1st stage (Abnormal Fetal heart)	4.5%
	1st stage (Abnormal presentation)	4.5%
	1st stage (APH)	2.7%

	1st stage (Meconium)	19.1%
	1st stage (Pain relief)	6.4%
	1st stage (PROM)	2.7%
	1st stage (Risk factors)	0.9%
	1st stage (Slow progress)	28.2%
	2nd stage (Fetal heart)	1.8%
	2nd stage (Meconium)	4.5%
	2nd stage (Slow progress)	16.4%
	1st stage (unspecified)	4.5%
	2nd stage (unspecified)	3.6%

7.

11/12 financial year – 118 mothers had a planned home birth and therefore started delivery at home

12/13 financial year – 97 mothers had a planned home birth and therefore started delivery at home

13/14 financial year – 89 mothers had a planned home birth and therefore started delivery at home

14/15 financial year – 73 mothers had a planned home birth and therefore started delivery at home

15/16 financial year – 77 mothers had a planned home birth and therefore started delivery at home

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9.

Unable to provide this – The Trust does not report on the change from a planned home birth to a consultant led delivery, only if the mothers were admitted post delivery

10.

Unable to provide this

11.

11/12 financial year – 5229 mothers delivered at a consultant led site, excluding 54 transfers in established labour from MBU, total remaining 5175 admitted to commence delivery. Does not include in transit deliveries or unplanned homebirths.

12/13 financial year – 4832 mothers delivered at a consultant led site, excluding 107 transfers in established labour from MBU, total remaining 4725 admitted to commence delivery. Does not include in transit deliveries or unplanned homebirths.

13/14 financial year – 4846 mothers delivered at a consultant led site, excluding 111 transfers in established labour from MBU, total remaining 4735

admitted to commence delivery. Does not include in transit deliveries or unplanned homebirths.

14/15 financial year – 5139 mothers delivered at a consultant led site, excluding 104 transfers in established labour from MBU, total remaining 5035 admitted to commence delivery. Does not include in transit deliveries or unplanned homebirths.

15/16 financial year – 5160 mothers delivered at a consultant led site, excluding 110 transfers in established labour from MBU, total remaining 5050 admitted to commence delivery. Does not include in transit deliveries or unplanned homebirths.

12. No other delivery facilities associated with our Trust, only the MBU, TWH and the home deliveries

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