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Dear Ms Lopes

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 temporary closure of Maidstone Birth Centre.

May I just ask for two clarifications:

- 1. Was the closure in 2015 the only temporary closure to new maternity patients between 2004 and 2016 or is there lack of data for the other years?*
- 2. Regarding the spending on midwifery staff, you have reported the Trust does not use agency midwifery staff. Is that also true for bank midwifery staff?*

1. This was the only closure to new maternity patients.

2. The Trust does not use agency nursing midwifery staff in the Birth Centre but does use bank nursing midwifery staff.

If you have any queries about this letter please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write in the first instance to:

Mr Glenn Douglas
Chief Executive
Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust
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Hermitage Lane
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The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely

Gail Spinks
Head of Information Governance

