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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 unit.

*Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can I request the following information for each maternity unit within your Trust:*

- 1. How many occasions has the unit been closed to new admissions in 2013, 2014 and 2015 to date. Please supply figures for each calendar year.*
- 2. For each such closure, please state the duration of and the reason for the closure.*

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust maternity unit has closed once in the summer of 2015 for 4 hours due to high number of women being on the labour ward at the same time

The unit was closed for safety reasons and reopened as soon as some women had delivered and staff were able to look after any women who wanted to come in.