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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 Midwife-led units 2015-2016.

- 1. Does the trust run a midwife-led unit for births – either stand-alone or alongside. If so please specify which.
If not please discount the rest of the questions as they are not relevant*
- 2. How many women started their deliveries at the midwife-led unit in 2015/16?*
- 3. How many women started their deliveries at the trust's consultant-led maternity unit(s)?*
- 4. For women who started their deliveries at midwife-led unit, please state how many stillbirths occurred in 2015/16?*
- 5. For women who initiated their deliveries at the consultant-led unit(s), how many stillbirths occurred in 2015/16?*
- 6. Of the deliveries which began in midwife-led units, please state how many serious untoward incidents occurred in 2015/16?
If possible, please provide a list of the types of SUIs which occurred in question 6.*
- 7. Of the deliveries which were initiated in consultant led units, please state how many serious untoward incidents occurred in 2015/16?
If possible, please provide a list of the types of SUIs which occurred in question 8.*
- 8. For births initiated in midwife-led units, please state how many*
 - a) Resulted in haemorrhage*
 - b) 4th degree tear*
 - c) Trauma to baby that required extended stay (of a week or more) in hospital*
- 9. For births initiated in consultant-led unit(s), please state how many*
 - a) Resulted in haemorrhage*
 - b) 4th degree tear*
 - c) Trauma to baby that required extended stay (of a week or more) in hospital*

1. Two stand-alone birth centres

The Trust is only able to give figures for Maidstone Birth centre as Crowborough did not come under MTW management until April 2016

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a) 8

b) 0

c) 2(1 x 7 day stay, 1 x 9 day stay)

9.

a) Primary Postpartum Haemorrhage (PPH) is when over 500mls of blood is lost, therefore there were 1355 Mums with 500+ mls lost in 2015/16.

However, major PPH is over 1000mls of blood lost, so in case you want to include this distinction, of the 1355 with over 500mls, 431 of them were 1000mls+ blood lost.

b) There were 2 mums with 4th degree tear in 2015-16

c) It is not possible to provide this level of detail as the Trust would need to look at individual records to fully distinguish which should be included. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.