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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 Units.

*You asked:*

*All requests are for the dates April 1st, 2017 to March 31st, 2018.*

*1 How many 'red flag' events have occurred in your maternity units in this time frame? And are you able to say whether this is higher than the 12 month period preceding these dates?*

*2 Have there been occasions where a woman has:  
Been left alone during active labour*

*Had to wait more than hour an hour for pain relief*

*Had to wait more than one hour for stitches*

*3 How many times between these dates have you been forced to close the maternity unit due to staff shortage or lack of beds?*

*4 On how many occasions have wards been staffed with less than the Government recommended number of midwives?*

*5 How many midwives are you currently short of in your Trust? How many post are being advertised? (As of 19th April 2018)*

*6 How many maternity negligence cases have been brought against you in the past 12 months?*

*7 And finally, how many complaints have been made to your Trust regarding maternity services between the same dates.*

Trust response:

1 The Trust does not use the term "red flag" events and is unable to answer this question.

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Been left alone during active labour - 99.1% women have 1:1 in labour

Had to wait more than hour an hour for pain relief- unable to capture this detail, rarely happens

Had to wait more than one hour for stitches – unable to give this detail,

3 Once in February for 6 hours due to capacity on delivery suite, no woman was asked to go elsewhere in that time

4 Unable to give this detail

5 Currently have 6 midwifery vacancies with Recruitment currently in progress.

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Seven formal letters of claim purely for midwifery/Obs

Seventeen Pre action claims for copy notes again just midwifery.

7 Thirty eight