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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 Acute service suspensions.

*You asked:*

*1) How many of your acute services or units (if any) had to be suspended or closed to new admissions in 2016, 2017 & 2018? Please name the service/unit.*

*2) What was the duration of each suspension/closure?*

*3) What was the reason for each suspension/closure?*

Trust response:

Closure of maternity unit as follows

Year	No. of occasions
2016	0
2017	0
2018	3

This does not include the occasions when either birth centre was closed, but Tunbridge Wells Hospital maternity unit was open. The dashboard records the occasions when we have closed to all maternity admissions across the trust.

Reasons are as follows for the three closures:

- WEB63195 21/02/2018

Maternity unit closed due to lack of beds on delivery suite and high acuity of the women who are on delivery suite unsafe to accept any more acute women. Reviewed as an SI

- WEB66806 Busy during the afternoon on the 20/6/18

Maternity unit closed due to the high acuity and the need for a second theatre to deal with the obstetric emergencies. 4.40 Executive on call for the trust informed that the maternity unit needed to close

- 2 DATIX'S same closure - WEB71097 and WEB71092 27/10/2018

Unit closure since 1420 high acuity and poor staffing (agency no shows)