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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 Children's Unit.

You asked:

- 1. Between 1st April 2018 and 31st March 2019 how many visits to/patients were/are seen at Riverbank Children's unit? (Volume)*
- 2. Between 1st April 2018 and 31st March 2019 how many individual patients were/are seen at Riverbank Children's unit? (Reach)*
- 3. How many of these were transferred to Pembury?*
- 4. On a typical day / on average how many patients are transferred from Riverbank to woodlands every day?*
- 5. What are the main reasons for these transfers?*
- 6. On a typical day/ on average many patients transfer each day due to the Riverbank closing time?*
- 7. How often/ on average how many times a week do the staff at Riverbank have to stay past 8.00pm to accommodate patients needs/ transfer to Pembury?*
- 8. Between 1st April 2018 and 31st March 2019 how many visits to/patients were/are seen at Woodlands and hedgehog Children's unit? (Volume)*
- 9. Between 1st April 2018 and 31st March 2019 how many individual patients were are seen at Woodlands and hedgehog Children's unit? (Reach)*
- 10. How many of these were transferred from Riverbank?*

Trust response:

1. Children are seen on Riverbank for a variety of reasons including day surgery and day medical procedures. They are also seen on the Short Stay Paediatric Assessment Unit (part of Riverbank) for a period of observation and assessment referred in by GPs, Emergency Dept and self-referrals .

	Total
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SSPAU	3,126
Day cases	208
electives	35
Non electives	33

2.

	Total
Indiv. Pat split	2,137

3. This is patient specific depending on their condition and specific needs . On average 1 a day as there are no overnight beds at Maidstone Hospital. Ambulances for paediatrics do not stop at Maidstone therefore the acuity of the patients on the Maidstone site is lower

4. No acute patients are transferred from Riverbank to Woodlands as Woodlands is not an inpatient ward. Some procedures will be transferred if Riverbank is closed or the tests required need an inpatient ward near by .

5. Children are transferred from Maidstone for inpatient / overnight care or if specific tests are required that are only available at Tunbridge Wells such as MRI under sedation. All day case activity is carried out on Riverbank

6. None – the nurses and medical staff remain on Riverbank until the last patient has been discharged and Paediatric ED is open until 2230 Children are only admitted to the inpatient ward at Tunbridge Wells if they require an overnight stay.

7. This varies dependent on the needs of patients awaiting transfer to Tunbridge Wells and can be very seasonal - staff hours worked are taken into account – on average once a week in winter however this can vary

8. Woodlands and Hedgehog are two separate areas - Woodlands is the ambulatory unit and Hedgehog is the inpatient ward - Woodlands data provided

Woodlands	Total
SSPAU	7,076
Day cases	81
electives	220
Non electives	69

9.

	Total
Indiv. Pat split	4556

10. None were transferred from Riverbank to Woodlands