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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 delivery suite diverts and staffing template.

You asked:

- 1. Please provide for each delivery suite/labour ward/birthing unit (or otherwise-named unit where babies are delivered) within your trust the number of times it has gone on divert - i.e. needed to send incoming patients to a different hospital to receive care due to insufficient staff numbers (please note this can be another hospital within the same trust). I would like this information per month from 1 January 2019 to 31 July 2021.*
- 2. Please provide for each maternity unit in your trust (i.e. unit providing ante-natal and post-natal services) the number of times that unit has been recorded as having under-template or below safe ward staffing levels. I would like this information per month from 1 January 2019 to 31 July 2021.*

Trust response:

1.
2019 0
2020 1 time – December
2021

April	May	June	July
2	1	2	1

2. Please note: We may have to delay and prioritise certain aspects of care during these times.

ANW – Antenatal Ward

DS – Delivery Suite

PN – Postnatal Ward

The table below shows the number of times that unit has been recorded as having under-template or below safe ward staffing levels per month from 1 January 2019 to 31 July 2021.

2019	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
ANW	No data Available			13	32	32	21	52	45	31	22	33
DS				99	49	69	51	66	57	39	17	58
PN				81	59	56	47	58	59	37	42	60
Total				193	140	157	119	176	161	107	81	151

2020	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
ANW	21	33	30	24	10	14	22	44	34	25	12	41
DS	24	22	52	44	17	14	44	78	82	45	26	55
PN	28	37	26	15	13	14	17	33	81	21	15	29
Total	73	92	108	83	40	42	83	155	197	91	53	125

2021	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
ANW	25	16	35	33	101	78	110
DS	23	49	66	88	96	84	128
PN	30	26	44	46	54	103	137
Total	78	91	145	167	251	265	375