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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 Unit closures.

*You asked:*

1. *How many times has your maternity unit been closed to new admissions for the following years:*
  - a. 2018
  - b. 2019
  - c. 2020
  - d. 2021
  - e. 2022
  - f. 2023
2. *Number of times your maternity has been closed*
3. *Total length of time closed (collectively added up)*
4. *Please can you give the reason behind your most recent closure?*
5. *Can you note the reason for your longest closure over the last 5 years?*
6. *If possible, can you note the number of patients affected by the most recent closure?*

Trust response:

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust has three sites. The following information is for the occasions when all 3 sites were closed:

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
1 & 2	3	2	1	5	0	0
3.	Not recorded	Not recorded	<6 hours	2 occurrences not recorded 3 occurrences total 38	Not applicable	Not applicable

4. Lack of staff

5. Lack of staff

6. 9 patients were affected in the most recent closure (June 2021)