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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 closures.

You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust. Please can you provide the following information.

How many times each maternity ward in your trust had to close to new admissions during the financial year 2023/24, and the previous 3 financial years.

For each closure please to give the length of time (in Hours and Minutes) for the closure and the reason for the closure. Please include any instances where escalate to divert procedures were invoked, or similar (again listing the duration).

Trust response:

Please note - The response is for the Trust Maternity Units (i.e. Tunbridge Wells Hospital (TWH), Maidstone Birth Centre (MBC) and Crowborough Birth Centre (CBC). Maternity staff are deployed across the maternity wards within TWH and across sites as required.

MBC and Crowborough Birth Centres may be options if TWH is closed. Please see the spreadsheet attached to the email.