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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference:** Maternity - Consultant-led births - Theatres

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

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FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
1. Do each of your maternity units which offer consultant-led births have two obstetric theatres available 24/7 with a full complement of staff available should the second theatre be needed?	We have 2 obstetric theatres available 24/7 and we have a full compliment of staff between the hours of 08:00 am and 21:00 pm. Between 21:00 and 08:00 we have 2 teams, however one of these teams are for emergencies in main theatre. We have staff on call overnight to open up a second obstetric theatre.			
1a. How long does it take to mobilise the second theatre and staff if it needed?	Following the escalation policy it takes approximately 5 minutes			
2. If you don't have a second obstetric theatre, what arrangements are in place should you have two obstetric emergencies requiring theatres at the same time? What hours are covered by these arrangements?	As per question 1			
3. If you don't have a second obstetric theatre, have you any plans to establish one? Has funding been obtained and how much?	Not applicable			
4. How long approximately does it take to transfer a woman from the labour ward to a. Your normal obstetric theatre? b. Whichever additional theatre would be used in the event of two emergencies at the same time?	Our two theatres are adjacent to each other and situated on the labour suite, transfer can occur within 1-2 minutes.			
5. Have you had any serious incidents/Datix (or other reporting system) reports in the last three years involving lack of timely access to fully staffed theatres in maternity emergencies?	We have had no Serious Incidents in the past 3 years relating to this.			
6. Please attach any policies you have on maternity emergencies/escalation.	Please see accompanying documents FOI 62 Maternity Escalation and Suspension Policy and FOI 62 Suspension of Acute Maternity Services SOP			

I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email [sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net](mailto:sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net).

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Yours faithfully

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