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Dear Sir/Madam

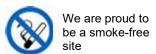
Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Maternity Ward Closures

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.

Home, Community, Hospital.





FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
How many times each maternity	2020/2021 - 4			
ward in your trust had to close to new	2021/2022 - 9			
admissions during the financial year	2022/2023 - 6			
2023/24, and the previous 3 financial	2023/2024 - 11			
years.				
2. For each closure please to give the	2020/2021			
length of time (in Hours and Minutes)	10hrs and 55min			
for the closure and the reason for the	3hrs and 30min			
closure.	5hrs and 12min			
	3hrs and 40min			
	2021/2022			
	8hrs and 16min			
	2hrs			
	7hrs and 12min			
	14min and 38min			
	3hrs and 45min			
	5hrs and 20min			
	3hrs and 11min			
	Unable to locate re-opening time of x2 closures.			
	2022/2023			
	5hrs and 50min			
	6hrs			
	4hrs			
	1hr and 30min			
	5hrs			
	6hrs			
	2023/2024			
	14hrs			
	6hrs and 40min			

	2hrs 7hrs 15hrs 8hrs and 30min 3hrs and 30min 5hrs and 30min Unable to locate re-opening time of x3 closures.		
3. Please include any instances where escalate to divert procedures were invoked, or similar (again listing the duration).	Please see part 1 and 2 of this FOI which covers this question.		

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.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/.

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Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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