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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.

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| FOI Request / Question | Question Response | Is there an exemption? | Exemption | Exemption Details |
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| 1. 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. | 2020/2021 - 4 2021/2022 - 9 2022/2023 - 6 2023/2024 - 11 | | | |
| 2. For each closure please to give the length of time (in Hours and Minutes) for the closure and the reason for the closure. | <p>2020/2021 10hrs and 55min 3hrs and 30min 5hrs and 12min 3hrs and 40min</p> <p>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.</p> <p>2022/2023 5hrs and 50min 6hrs 4hrs 1hr and 30min 5hrs 6hrs</p> <p>2023/2024 14hrs 6hrs and 40min</p> | | | |

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| | 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.

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Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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