

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 22 November 2022.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

1) The number of maternity units within your trust which have had to turn away at least one woman in labour due to a lack of beds in 2022.

We only have one maternity unit at MKUH

2) The number of women in labour turned away or directed to another site throughout your trust due to a lack of beds in 2022.

In 2022 we had attempted to divert to other maternity units in the region on 8 recorded occasions and on 1 occasion a regional unit had the capacity to accept MKUH services users if required, however at that time we did not keep data on individual services users who may have been diverted to other units.

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If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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