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**Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 24 April 2018.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

**1). For the past three complete financial years, the number of shifts in which maternity wards and related departments in your trust that did not meet their minimum staff numbers, broken down by date and unit.**

We have looked at various ways in which we could try to collate the data, however due to the data being held in 6 departments on paper records this would mean trawling through three years of data for each of the 6 areas for 365 days per year. This would exceed the fees limit of 18 hours @ £450.00. There is a daily staffing requirement set for all areas of maternity however this would change based on the activity within the unit and staff are re-deployed based on activity in each area to maintain a safe working environment for example, the labour ward is staff at 7 wte midwives however if only 2 patients are on the unit this would not require the full establishment and this would apply to all maternity areas.

**2). For the past three complete financial years, the number of days leave attributed to stress taken by midwives across all payment bands broken down by unit and year quarter.**

Please see spreadsheet attached

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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 Manager  
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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