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***Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000***

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 20 April 2018.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

**1. How many 'red flag' events have occurred in your maternity units in this time frame? And are you able to say whether this is higher than the 12 month period preceding these dates?**

We do not use the NICE safer staffing in this unit; therefore do not collate this data.

**2. Have there been occasions where a woman has:  
Been left alone during active labour  
Had to wait more than hour an hour for pain relief  
Had to wait more than one hour for stitches**

In order to answer we would have to review all women's records as we do not use the Red Flag System. This would require permission and exceed the appropriate time limit.

**3. How many times between these dates have you been forced to close the maternity unit due to staff shortage or lack of beds?**

None

**4. On how many occasions have wards been staffed with less than the Government recommended number of midwives?**

None

**5. How many midwives are you currently short of in your Trust? How many posts are being advertised? (As of 19th April 2018)**

15 WTE vacancies, 2 of which have been recruited too and are due to commence in the next two months. The rest are out to advert.

**6. How many maternity negligence cases have been brought against you in the past 12 months?**

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**7. And finally, how many complaints have been made to your Trust regarding maternity services between the same dates.**

39 – Please note this number includes both informal and formal contact as were record these collectively.

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Yours sincerely,

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

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