

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

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 04 August 2021.

I can confirm the following.

- 1. Please provide for each delivery suite/labour ward/birthing unit (or otherwise-named unit where babies are delivered) within your trust the number of times it has gone on divert - i.e. needed to send incoming patients to a different hospital to receive care due to insufficient staff numbers (please note this can be another hospital within the same trust). I would like this information per month from 1 January 2019 to 31 July 2021.**

On the occasions that our maternity units have had to close. This is down to capacity not insufficient staff numbers. Please see 2 previous similar FOI's that we had in linked below.

<https://www.mkuh.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Maternity-Unit-Closure-Response-5692.pdf>

<https://www.mkuh.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Maternity-Unit-Closed-2021-Response-5872.pdf>

- 2. Please provide for each maternity unit in your trust (i.e. unit providing ante-natal and post-natal services) the number of times that unit has been recorded as having under-template or below safe ward staffing levels. I would like this information per month from 1 January 2019 to 31 July 2021.**

We acuity and clinical priority on a shift by shift basis and allocate staff to ensure that all areas in maternity are safe.

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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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