

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

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 08 December 2021.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

### **1a) Have any of your midwife-led units been temporarily suspended or unavailable to people at any point during the last 6 months? (1st June 2021 - 1st December 2021) –**

We do not have a Midwife Led Unit at MK

### **1b) If so, how many times was each one temporarily suspended or unavailable? If you have more than one maternity service, please specify the numbers per service.**

NA

### **1c) What were the reasons for each suspension or closure? If you have more than one maternity service, please specify the reasons for each. - NA**

- i) Insufficient staffing numbers**
- ii) Bed shortages**
- iii) Both bed and staffing shortages**
- iv) Other, please specify**

### **2a) Have people been "diverted" from your maternity services (obstetric unit/midwife-led unit/birth centre) to another hospital at any point during the last 6 months (1st June 2021 - 1st December 2021) including for any period lasting less than 4 hours?**

Yes

### **2b) If so, how many times were people diverted? If you have more than one maternity service, please specify the numbers per service.**

Unable to provide this information.

### **2c) What were the reasons for the diversions? If you have more than one maternity service, please specify the numbers per service.**

- i) Insufficient staffing numbers**
- ii) Bed shortages**
- iii) Both bed and staffing shortages**
- iv) Other, please specify**

**3a) How many midwives do you employ?**

154

**3b) How many of your midwives are currently signed off on long-term sick leave?**

10

**3c) How many midwives on are on long-term sick leave due to anxiety/stress/depression/other psychiatric illnesses**

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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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