

Title Midwifery Staffing

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1st April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

1. The number of FTE funded midwife posts there are for each maternity service at your trust? 73.59 WTE (whole time equivalent) Northern service. 127.6 WTE Eastern service
2. The number of FTE funded midwife posts for each maternity service at your trust which were vacant as of the start of August 2023 (excluding those on maternity or long term sick leave where sick leave has lasted for one month or longer)? 3.34 WTE Northern service. 3.55 WTE Eastern service
3. The number of FTE funded midwife posts for each maternity service at your trust which were vacant as of 1st May 2023 (excluding those on maternity or long term sick leave where sick leave has lasted for one month or longer)? 1.72 WTE Northern service. 0.0 WTE Eastern service
4. The date of the most recent Birthrate Plus study of midwifery staffing for each service within your trust? January 2021 Northern service. April 2021 Eastern service
5. The number of FTE funded midwife posts that Birthrate Plus recommended your trust employ for each maternity service at your trust? 72.25 WTE Northern service. 127.6 WTE Eastern service
6. For each of the last five years, how many red flag events have been recorded for each of the trust's maternity services?

Red Flag	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Royal Devon's Northern Services	*	*	*	96	28
Royal Devon's Eastern Services	*	*437	*680	856	504

*Data prior to 2019 is not held for Royal Devon. Royal Devon's Northern Services commenced the system Birth-rate+ in January 2021; no reportable Northern Services data is held prior to January 2021.