

## Maternity Beds

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

1) The number of maternity units within your trust which have had to turn away at least one woman in labour due to a lack of beds in 2022. Nil for both sites.

2) The number of women in labour turned away or directed to another site throughout your trust due to a lack of beds in 2022. For the Northern site – Nil.

For the Eastern area of the Trust, during 2022 \* $<5$  women in Labour were directed to another site. This happened only on one occasion. The Maternity Manager on call was in and working during this time. A midwife was redeployed from North to assist.

\* $<5$  - In accordance with Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we are unable to provide figures where the number of patients/staff is less than or equal to five and could risk the identification of those patients/staff and breach Caldicott principles.

In these cases  $\leq 5$  is used to indicate that a figure between 1 and 5 is being suppressed

This follows NHS Digital (formerly HSCIC) analysis guidance (2014) which states that small numbers within local authorities, wards, postcode districts, CCG's providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients/staff and should not be published.