

Title:

Anaesthetic Cover for Maternity Services

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

1. [How many consultant anaesthetists are in your establishment?](#)
The Trust holds this information.
The Eastern area have 57 including those who also cover chronic pain and ITU). The Northern service of the Trust have 13 Consultants.
2. [What is the frequency of their on-call rota?](#)
The Trust holds this information.
The Eastern area of the Trust has on -call 3 in 28 weekends, and 1 in 12 for ITU. The Northern service rota is 1 in 11.
3. [Do you have dedicated middle grade anaesthetic cover to the labour ward? i.e. middle grade not covering any other areas .](#)
The Trust holds this information.
The answer is no for the Northern area.

In the Eastern area, during the day we have a Consultant anaesthetist present covering obstetrics weekdays. Evenings, Weekends and nights we have either obstetric certified trainee, SAS or sometimes Consultant. Also present overnight is ST5 or above trainee. If a trainee is covering obstetrics there is another trainee available who although will not be in another theatre giving an anaesthetic on their own, can come and help.
4. [How many consultant sessions per week are dedicated to maternity provision?.](#) The Trust holds this information.
The Eastern area has 10, and the Northern area has 6.
5. [How many middle grade / SAS /trainee anaesthetists are in your establishment?.](#) Trust holds this information. Eastern service has 74. The Northern area has 27 SAS/trainee anaesthetists.
6. [Do you have a type 1 AE?](#)
The Trust holds this information.
Yes at both services..
7. [How many ICU Level 3 beds have you got?.](#) The Trust holds this information. 15 at the Eastern area, and 5 at the Northern area.