

Title: **Maternity Services**

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

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, I would be grateful if you could comply with the following request. Could you provide the following information:

- 1. What is the average age of foetal monitoring devices/equipment in each birthing centre?*

Answer: For the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (RDUH) Eastern Services: 2 years old, the Northern Services do not have a birthing centre.

- 2. What is the oldest foetal monitoring device/equipment in the trust?*

Answer: 2 years.

- 3. How many midwives are employed in each birthing centre? Please provide this information for the last five calendar years - 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019 and 2018*

Answer: Northern services do not have a birthing centre. Eastern Services: All midwives are employed on hospital contracts and were not employed as birth centre midwives from 2018 to current. There are no midwives employed directly by each birth centre, staff are moved from the labour ward when required and the homebirth teams are on call for births.

Please find below Full Time Equivalent employees for 'Maternity Services' for RDUH Eastern and Northern services.

(RDUH) Full Time Equivalent (FTE) as at 1st January in each year.		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Eastern Services	Maternity Services	137.14	132.03	132.62	129.61	135.7	137.72
Northern Services		69.18	69.39	71.86	72.20	68.17	70.03

- 4. How many obstetricians are employed in each birthing centre? Please provide this information for the last five calendar years - 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019 and 2018*

Answer: All obstetricians are employed on hospital contracts and were not employed as birth centre midwives from 2018 to current. There are no obstetricians employed directly by the birth centre.

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(RDUH) Full Time Equivalent (FTE) as at 1st January in each year.							
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Eastern Services	Obstetrics & Gynaecology - Medical Staff	32.31	31.61	37.41	32.89	31.78	32.08
Northern Services		17	19.5	18.6	24	24	23.94

5. *For an emergency antenatal appointment, what is the average wait time between a patient calling the unit and receiving an in person appointment? Please provide this information for the last five calendar years - 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019 and 2018*

Answer: Both sites use a triage system to prioritise all calls. If the call is identified as requiring urgent assessment the caller will be invited into one of our Obstetric triage units immediately.

6. *For an emergency antenatal appointment, what is the longest wait time between a patient calling the unit and receiving an in-person appointment? Please provide this information for the last five calendar years - 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019 and 2018*

Answer: Both sites use a triage system to prioritise all calls. If the call is identified as requiring urgent assessment the caller will be invited into one of our Obstetric triage units immediately