

Dear

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request concerning the Trust's Midwifery workforce.

The Trust can provide the following information:

**Qualified Midwife Vacancies.**

1) How many vacancies for qualified midwives you currently have in your maternity service on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 – or nearest available date - expressed as a Full Time Equivalent (FTE) figure?

3wte

2) Please give a breakdown of these vacancy numbers by grade.

1 band 7 & 2 band 6s

3) Please also provide the information indicated above for the following dates:

1<sup>st</sup> July 2013 – 10 wte band 6s & 3wte band 7s

1<sup>st</sup> January 2013 – 8 wte band 6s & 3wte band 7s

1<sup>st</sup> July 2012 – 7 wte band 6s

1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 – 7 wte band 6s

1<sup>st</sup> July 2011- 10 wte band 6s

1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 – 15 wte band 6s

**Assessment of Workforce needs.**

1) Have you had your midwifery workforce needs assessed using Birthrate Plus?

In 2010

2) If so, what is the date of that assessment?

Planned for Feb/March 2014

3) If you have had an assessment but using a system other than Birthrate Plus, please tell me what system you used, and the date of it.

N/A

4) How many midwives did the assessment tell you were needed expressed a full time equivalent figure (FTE)?

In 2010 we needed 168.48 wte

5) How many midwives do you have working in your maternity service at the last count, expressed a full time equivalent figure

168 wte

(FTE)? Please feel free to give reasons for any gap between those figures (in 4 and 5).

If you have any queries about this response please contact the information governance manager at [foi@homerton.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@homerton.nhs.uk), in the first instance. If, following that, you still have any concerns, you may contact the Information Commissioner either by letter, FOI/EIR Complaints resolution, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SM9 5AF, or by email [www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk) to take them further.

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