

Dear

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request concerning Maternity Unit -closed their doors (something which could have potentially resulted in patients being turned away).

The Trust can provide the following information:

- How many times the maternity units at each of your hospitals have closed their doors (something which could have potentially resulted in patients being turned away). Please give all instances this has happened, regardless of how little time the units were closed and if any patients were turned away.

Please can you provide this information for each of the last five years, using the most up-to-date timeframe possible (i.e. October 2012-October 2013).

Please provide a breakdown per hospital, and a tally of the reason for closing the unit (e.g. full capacity).

Please provide this information electronically and in a spread sheet format rather than a PDF.

Maternity Unit -Closings

	No of times unit closed
Jan-Dec 2009	1-closure for 6 hours- patient transferred to King George Hospital
Jan-Dec 2010	0-closure
Jan-Dec 2011	0-closure
Jan-Dec 2012	1- closure for 8 hours -due to high number of patients- 1 patient transferred to UCH
Jan-Nov 2013	2- closures (1 for 13 hours- no women transferred out) (1 for 20 hours - one woman transferred out)

If you have any queries about this response please contact the information governance manager at 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 to take them further.

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Yours sincerely

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