

Dear

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request concerning maternity and midwives.

The Trust can provide the following information:

1. On October 1st 2013 how many full time equivalent midwives were working on your maternity unit?
191.08 wte
2. On October 1st 2013 how many babies were born in your maternity unit?
14
3. On October 1st 2013 what was
 - a. The overall vacancy rate for midwives?
<5%
 - b. The long-term (i.e. 3 months and over) vacancy rate for midwives?
<5%
4. On October 1st 2013
 - a. What was the total number of supervisors and
14 (one in training)
 - b. The total number of midwives working in the maternity unit?
187.08 wte
5. How many full time equivalent midwives do you estimate you need in order to provide all women with one to one care in labour?
191.08 (based on a midwife to birth ratio of 1:30)
6. How many women using your maternity service are above the age of 40? Please give figures for the last 5 years.
1338
7. How many women using your service are classed as obese (BMI 30 and above). Please give figures for the last 5 years.
5486

Are you able to give a year by year breakdown for the age/obesity figures in Q6 and 7?

Hi Thomas,
Please see the breakdown below.

Q6.-How many women using your maternity service are above the age of 40? Please give figures for the last 5 years.

Apr08 to Mar09 was 253
Apr09 to Mar10 was 253
Apr10 to Mar11 was 252
Apr11 to Mar12 was 279
Apr12 to Mar13 was 301
Apr08 to Mar13 was: 1338

Q7.- How many women using your service are classed as obese (BMI 30 and above). Please give figures for the last 5 years.

Apr08 to Mar09 was 715
Apr09 to Mar10 was 976
Apr10 to Mar11 was 1066
Apr11 to Mar12 was 1265
Apr12 to Mar13 was 1464
Apr08 to Mar13 was: 5486

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Yours sincerely

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