

Dear

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request concerning births and midwifery.

The Trust can provide the following information:

1. How many births took place at the Trust [ie with the assistance of its staff – be that in a unit or in the community] in the calendar year (a) 2011 (b) 2012 (c) 2013 ?

2011 was 5085

2012 was 5210

2013 was 5913

2. How many times did the Trust have to temporarily close its maternity unit(s) to new admissions in the calendar year (a) 2011 (b) 2012 (c) 2013 ?

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-Dec-2013- 2-closures (1 for 13 hours- no women transferred out) (1 for 20 hours-one woman transferred out)

3. As a result of temporary closures, on how many occasions did a woman need to be transferred to another maternity unit in the calendar year (a) 2011 (b) 2012 (c) 2013 ?
see above

4. How many midwives were in post at the Trust (FTE) as of (a) 1st Jan 2012 (b) 1st Jan 2013 (c) 1st Jan 2014 ?

a) 149.80 b) 173.47 c) 184.72

5. What was the midwife vacancy rate (FTE) as of 1st Jan 2014?

7.67

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