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Dear Sir or Madam,

**Ref: FOI 2511**

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding Homerton Hospital's Maternity service.

The Trust can provide the following information:

1. **If your trust has (a) midwife-led birth ward/unit(s), on what date did the ward/unit(s) open (Year and month is fine)?** One alongside birth centre - March 2010.
2. **In the event that a patient admitted to commence delivery on a midwife-led birth unit/ward has to be transferred to a consultant-led unit, please list the facilities you have the option to transfer them to and provide the distance between the midwife-led unit and consultant-led unit in miles. If they are located on the same site as each other please say so.**  
 The MLU is located on the same site as the Obstetric unit at Homerton Hospital.
3. **How many mothers were admitted to commence delivery in each midwife-led unit in each of the following years (if applicable): 2011-12, 2013-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16?** See table below

Year	2011-12	2012-13	2013-2014	2014-15	2015-2016
<b>Numbers admitted</b>	1159	1131	1397	1386	1272

4. **How many mothers who started delivery in each midwife-led unit completed their delivery there in each of the following years (if applicable): 2011-12, 2013-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16?**  
 See table below

Year	2011-12	2012-13	2013-2014	2014-15	2015-2016
<b>Numbers Delivered</b>	731	777	856	796	895

5. **How many mothers who started delivery in each midwife-led unit were transferred to hospital/consultant-led unit during delivery in each of the following years (if applicable): 2011-12, 2013-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16? I am seeking information on those who had to be moved to one of the facilities you listed in answer to question 2, above. See table below**

Year	2011-12	2012-13	2013-2014	2014-15	2015-2016
<b>Numbers Transferred</b>	428	354	541	590	377

6. For each of the years in question 5, above, please provide the list of reasons for transfer and give the percentage of transfers for each reason.

The Trust does not hold the above requested information in a readily available format.

7. How many mothers commenced delivery at home (a planned home birth) in each of the following years (if applicable): 2011-12, 2013-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16? See table below

Year	2011-12	2012-13	2013-2014	2014-15	2015-2016
Commenced Delivery at home	126	141	164	189	196

8. How many mothers who started delivery in a planned home birth completed their delivery there in each of the following years (if applicable): 2011-12, 2013-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16? See table below

Year	2011-12	2012-13	2013-2014	2014-15	2015-2016
Numbers delivered	63	64	131	157	145

9. How many mothers who started delivery in a planned home birth were transferred to hospital/consultant-led unit during delivery in each of the following years (if applicable): 2011-12, 2013-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16? See table below

Year	2011-12	2012-13	2013-2014	2014-15	2015-2016
Numbers transferred to Obstetric unit	63	77	33	32	51

10. For each of years in question 9 above please provide the list of reasons for transfer and give the percentage of transfers for each reason.

The Trust does not hold the above requested information in a readily available format.

11. How many mothers were admitted to commence delivery in a consultant-led unit in each of the following years (if applicable): 2011-12, 2013-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 (excluding those who had started on a midwife-led unit and were transferred)? See table below - (This data excludes those starting on the MLU and homebirths that were transferred to obstetric unit).

Year	2011-12	2012-13	2013-2014	2014-15	2015-2016
Numbers admitted to Obstetric unit	3824	4401	4397	4314	4600

12. How many mothers were admitted to commence delivery in any other facility associated with your trust in each of the following years (if applicable): 2011-12, 2013-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16?

0 – We only have the facilities that we have already provided data for.

**13. How many mothers who started delivery in any other facility associated with your trust were transferred to hospital/consultant-led unit during delivery in each of the following years (if applicable): 2011-12, 2013-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16**

0 – We only have the facilities that we have already provided data for.

**14. For each of the years in question 13 above, please provide the list of reasons for transfer and give the percentage of transfers for each reason. N/A**

**15. How many mothers who started delivery in any other facility associated with your trust completed their delivery there in each of the following years (if applicable): 2011-12, 2013-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16? N/A**

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