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Dear Sir or Madam,

Ref: FOI 2779

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding Homerton hospital's Midwifery Led Unit.

The Trust can provide the following information:

- **Do you have an MLU (can you state where it is situated in relation to your maternity dept. please)**

We have a 4 bedded alongside MLU which is located by the Delivery suite. The Birth centre can be accessed via doors on the Delivery suite

- **Should you have an MLU; have you seen an increase in births since the MLU's introduction and has your C Section rate dropped.**

The Birth centre opened in 2010

Birth rate in 2010 = 4942

Birth rate 2015 - 6004

Lower segment Caesarean section (LSCS) rate – 2010 – 27%

Lower segment Caesarean (LSCS) rate - 2015 - 29.5%. Although LSCS rate has increased we now have an increased number of women who have complex needs.

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Yours sincerely

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