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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 012534 – Maternity unit

1. How many occasions has the unit been closed to new admissions in 2013, 2014, and 2015 to date. Please supply figures for each calendar year.

2. For each such closure, please state the duration of and the reason for the closure.

	2013	2014	2015
Number of times service suspended	6	9	14
Number of hours service suspended	approx.64 hrs (total closures)	approx. 78hrs (total closures)	approx. 92 hrs (total closures)
Reasons for closure	Staffing/capacity	staffing/capacity	staffing/capacity
Women diverted	2 (in 2013)	5 (in 2014)	12 (in 2015)

The large jump in 2015 was due to an episode of closure for 34 hours on 25th January 2015 when 6 women were diverted and 5 delivered elsewhere.

Reasons for closure were either short term midwifery staffing, lack of beds or a mixture a both, but detail is not specifically collected.