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**Ref:** FOI-000260

**Date:** 5/9/23

**Address / Email:**

Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please see response below.

1.The number of FTE funded midwife posts there are for each maternity service at your trust? - 181.61

2.The number of FTE funded midwife posts for each maternity service at your trust which were vacant as of the start of August 2023 (excluding those on maternity or long term sick leave where sick leave has lasted for one month or longer)? - 10 WTE

Vacancies can be found on the Trust website [Job vacancy search: Which health sector? | trac.jobs \(dudleygroup.nhs.uk\)](https://trac.jobs.dudleygroup.nhs.uk)

3.The number of FTE funded midwife posts for each maternity service at your trust which were vacant as of 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023 (excluding those on maternity or long term sick leave where sick leave has lasted for one month or longer)? - 12 WTE

4.The date of the most recent Birthrate Plus study of midwifery staffing for each service within your trust? - May 2023

5.The number of FTE funded midwife posts that Birthrate Plus recommended your trust employ for each maternity service at your trust? - 186.65

6.For each of the last five years, how many red flag events have been recorded for each of the trust's maternity services?

Only one service.

April 2022- September 2022- 122

Oct 2022- March 2023 - 89

Unable to extract data from system prior to this.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team**  
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