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Russell's Hall Hospital
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Date: 06/06/2024

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act

2000. **Request**

Please can you provide the following information.

How many times each maternity ward in your trust had to close to new admissions during the financial year 2023/24, and the previous 3 financial years.

For each closure please to give the length of time (in Hours and Minutes) for the closure and the reason for the closure. Please include any instances where escalate to divert procedures were invoked, or similar (again listing the duration).

Please can you also confirm if the data is given under the Open Government License or the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015

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I make my request in line with regulations and given my intended use, which will be commercial.

As per regulation 7 a public sector body must permit re use of the information where a request has been made in accordance with regulation 6.

Response

Q1. How many times each maternity ward in your trust had to close to new admissions during the financial year 2023/24, and the previous 3 financial years.

All closures were due to staffing and/or capacity.

Year	No. of times unit closed
2019	2
2020	15
2021	20
2022	45
2023	5
2024	0 (to date)

Q2. For each closure please to give the length of time (in Hours and Minutes) for the closure and the reason for the closure. Please include any instances where escalate to divert procedures were invoked, or similar (again listing the duration).

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total hours</u>
2021	758
2022	973
2023	110

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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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.

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

Yours sincerely

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