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**Address / Email:**

Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

**Response**

**Q1.**

1. **The number of midwifery "red flag" incidents (examples provided here: <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng4/chapter/recommendations#box-3-midwifery-red-flag-events>) identified in your maternity departments, broken down by year.**

2019	23 (started September)
2020	197
2021	206
2022	486
2023	132

**Q2. Please also specify the number of times patients needed to be diverted to other trusts to deliver their baby, broken down by year**

- **Of those, please break down (again as a proportion and raw number) how many diverts were**
  - **a) due to a lack of staff**
- 1. **b) for other reasons, please provide details**

Year	Reason
2018	<5
2019	0
2020	<5
2021	<5
2022	<5
2023	<5

**The amount per year is less than 5 for the years requested. As per NHS Digital rules the Trust does not publish numbers lower than 5 as this could lead to the identification of the persons involved and cause distress to families and friends. The number of times patients needed to be diverted to other Trusts to deliver their baby over the years is less than 5, therefore, exemption Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act is applied.**

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.

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

Yours sincerely

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