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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the structure of the Labour Ward Manager role within maternity services at your organisation.

Please could you provide the following information for the most recent available position (e.g. 2025–2026 or current establishment):

1. Labour Ward Manager establishment

- How many Labour Ward Manager posts are currently established within your maternity service?
- 1 WTE labour ward manager, and 1 WTE maternity inpatient ward manager both managers cross cover
- For each post, what is the contracted working hours or Whole Time Equivalent (WTE)? - **Both 37.5hrs**

2. Clinical and managerial role split

- Do Labour Ward Managers within your organisation have a defined split between clinical and managerial responsibilities? - **Yes**
- If so, please provide the typical breakdown (for example 60% management / 40% clinical).
- 60% management / 40% clinical

3. Line management responsibilities

- Approximately how many staff members does each Labour Ward Manager line manage?
- 20 as direct line managers, manage sickness for approximately 75
- Please provide the roles of those staff where possible (for example midwives, maternity support workers, ward clerks, etc.). - **midwives, maternity support workers, ward clerks**

4. Scope of responsibility

- Do Labour Ward Managers manage solely the labour ward, or are they responsible for multiple areas (for example labour ward and triage, labour ward and antenatal ward, etc.)?

If possible, please provide the information specific to the maternity unit(s) within your organisation.

- **1 WTE labour ward manager to include triage and theatres, and 1 WTE maternity inpatient ward manager for combined antenatal and postnatal wards. both managers cross cover**

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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