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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

You asked:

- a) *The number of times labour wards were closed (and if possible, the reason or closure);*
- b) *On those occasions, which maternity units were expectant mothers transferred to*

We have not closed the unit at all, but we had a temporary divert for 4 hours during the financial year 2014-2015. Only 1 woman was affected and diverted to another unit but she was not in labour and subsequently returned to WWL to deliver.

I hope you find this information useful, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Foster

Chief Executive

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