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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:

1. *If your trust has (a) midwife-led birth ward/unit(s), on what date did the ward/unit(s) open (Year and month is fine)?* [We do not have a midwife led unit but we have low risk midwife led beds within a consultant unit](#)
2. *In the event that a patient admitted to commence delivery on a midwife-led birth unit/ward has to be transferred to a consultant-led unit, please list the facilities you have the option to transfer them to and provide the distance between the midwife-led unit and consultant-led unit in miles. If they are located on the same site as each other please say so.* [Not applicable](#)
3. *How many mothers were admitted to commence delivery in each midwife-led unit in each of the following years (if applicable): 2011-12, 2013-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16?* [We cannot answer this question as this information is not captured within any system and we do not have a midwife led unit.](#)
4. *How many mothers who started delivery in each midwife-led unit completed their delivery there in each of the following years (if applicable): 2011-12, 2013-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16?* [We cannot answer this question as this information is not captured within any system and we do not have a midwife led unit.](#)
5. *How many mothers who started delivery in each midwife-led unit were transferred to hospital/consultant-led unit during delivery in each of the following years (if applicable): 2011-12, 2013-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16? I am seeking information on those who had to be moved to one of the facilities you listed in answer to question 2, above.* [We cannot answer this question as this information is not captured within any system and we do not have a midwife led unit.](#)
6. *For each of the years in question 5, above, please provide the list of reasons for transfer and give the percentage of transfers for each reason.* [Please see question 5](#)
7. *How many mothers commenced delivery at home (a planned home birth) in each of the following years (if applicable): 2011-12, 2013-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16?* [Please see questions 8 & 9](#)

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8. How many mothers who started delivery in a planned home birth completed their delivery there in each of the following years (if applicable): 2011-12 (46), 2013-13 (29), 2013-14 (40), 2014-15 (41) and 2015-16 (38)?
9. How many mothers who started delivery in a planned home birth were transferred to hospital/consultant-led unit during delivery in each of the following years (if applicable): 2011-12 (0), 2013-13 (0), 2013-14 (0), 2014-15 (4) and 2015-16 (4)?
10. For each of years in question 9 above, please provide the list of reasons for transfer and give the percentage of transfers for each reason. 2014/2015 Failure to progress (50%), Fetal Tachycardia (25%), Decelerations in labour (25%): 2015/2016 Footling breech (25%), Failure to progress (50%), Unwell following delivery (25%)
11. How many mothers were admitted to commence delivery in a consultant-led unit in each of the following years (if applicable): 2011-12 (2790),, 2013-13 (2849), 2013-14 (2982) , 2014-15 (2815)and 2015-16 (2790) (excluding those who had started on a midwife-led unit and were transferred)
12. How many mothers were admitted to commence delivery in any other facility associated with your trust in each of the following years (if applicable): 2011-12 2013-13 , 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16? Not applicable
13. How many mothers who started delivery in any other facility associated with your trust were transferred to hospital/consultant-led unit during delivery in each of the following years (if applicable): 2011-12, 2013-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16? Not applicable
14. For each of the years in question 13 above, please provide the list of reasons for transfer and give the percentage of transfers for each reason. Not applicable
15. How many mothers who started delivery in any other facility associated with your trust completed their delivery there in each of the following years (if applicable): 2011-12, 2013-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16? Not applicable

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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