

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 21-420

16 August 2021

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we hold some the information you are requesting
- **The number of times each maternity ward within your trust had to close to new admissions during the period 1st January 2021 – 30th June 2021 (inclusive). Please also indicate any times that each unit had invoked escalate to divert procedures, or similar. For each instance please specify the duration in which the ward closed and the reason for the closure.**

Maternity for the Trust was closed 24 times for the period of 1st January 2021 to 30th June 2021. We do not hold the information on the duration of the closure

12/02/2021 Closure Of Department

16/02/2021 Attempted/Failed Closure Of Department

25/02/2021 Closure Of Department

03/03/2021 Lack Of/Delayed Availability Of General Beds

13/03/2021 Lack Of/Delayed Availability Of General Beds

23/03/2021 Closure Of Department

17/04/2021 Lack Of/Delayed Availability Of General Beds

24/04/2021 Lack Of/Delayed Availability Of General Beds

01/05/2021 Lack Of/Delayed Availability Of General Beds

06/05/2021 Lack Of/Delayed Availability Of General Beds

08/05/2021 Lack Of/Delayed Availability Of General Beds

09/05/2021 Lower than Expected Staffing Levels - Midwives

10/05/2021 Lack Of/Delayed Availability Of General Beds

11/05/2021 Lack Of/Delayed Availability Of General Beds

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12/05/2021 Lack Of/Delayed Availability Of General Beds

19/05/2021 Lack Of/Delayed Availability Of General Beds

21/05/2021 Attempted/Failed Closure Of Department

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27/05/2021 Lack Of/Delayed Availability Of General Beds

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• The number of times each maternity ward within your trust reached full capacity during the period 1st January 2021 – 30th June 2021 (inclusive)

We do not hold this information

• The percentage of qualified midwifery staff employed within each maternity department across your Trust that completed their mandatory training requirements as of 30th June (if it is not possible to provide figures for a single date, please provide for the month of June). Please also confirm the Trust's or local target for number of midwifery staff to have completed mandatory training.

- NBS 94%
- Obstetric Emergencies 94%
- Maternity Specific Update 85%

This is for the end June 2021

Trust Local target for this training is 90%

• The total number of open vacancies in each maternity department across your trust as at the date of responding. Where possible please provide a breakdown by staff level i.e. band 5, band 6 and state whether these are unfilled vacancies.

Band	Funded Establishment (FTE)	Staff in Post (FTE)	Vacancies (FTE)
Midwife Band 5	8.31	18.59	-10.28
Midwife Band 6	128.53	142.5	-13.97
Midwife Band 7	34.67	38.01	-3.34
Midwife Band 8a	3	3.8	-0.8
Grand Total	174.51	202.9	-28.39

When supplying the requested data, please state whether or not this is being supplied under the Open Government Licence 3.0. (OGL).

Yes this is

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Director of Corporate Governance
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters

Marlborough Street
Bristol
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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