

Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-645

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 8th February 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Maternity services

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, I would be grateful if you could comply with the following request. Could you provide the following information?

What is the average age of foetal monitoring devices/equipment in each birthing centre?

A1 See attached spread sheet: note, 200K has been sourced to replace any CTG monitors as they require it. (we cannot be specific with numbers but we will replace the oldest first)

Q2 What is the oldest foetal monitoring device/equipment in the Trust?

A2 15 years

Q3 How many midwives are employed in each birthing centre? Please provide this information for the last five calendar years - 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019 and 2018

A3 The below is the contracted Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) of Midwives employed by the Trust in the December of each of the years requested.

2018 – 227.83 WTE
2019 – 236.97 WTE
2020 – 231.97 WTE
2021 – 240.26 WTE
2022 – 239.21 WTE

Q4 How many obstetricians are employed in each birthing centre? Please provide this information for the last five calendar years - 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019 and 2018

A4 See below:

Pure Obstetricians:

2018- 4
2019- 5
2020- 6
2021- 6
2022- 6

Mixed Obstetricians & Gynaecologists:

2018- 9
2019- 10
2020- 8
2021- 9
2022- 9

Total:

2018- 13
2019- 15
2020- 14
2021- 15
2022- 15

Q5 For an emergency antenatal appointment, what is the average wait time between a patient calling the unit and receiving an in person appointment? Please provide this information for the last five calendar years - 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019 and 2018

A5 An emergency antenatal appointment is facilitated by the emergency portal of the Maternity Assessment Unit whereby the patient is triaged by a midwife and invited into the assessment unit as soon as the patient can attend.

Q6 For an emergency antenatal appointment, what is the longest wait time between a patient calling the unit and receiving an in person appointment? Please provide this information for the last five calendar years - 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019 and 2018

A6 An emergency antenatal appointment is facilitated by the emergency portal of the Maternity Assessment Unit whereby the patient is triaged by a midwife and invited into the assessment unit as soon as the patient can attend.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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