

Request title: Maternity Closures

Date of Response: 27th November 2015

Further to your Freedom of Information request, the Trust has answered your questions in the order they appear in your request.

Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can I request the following information for each maternity unit within your Trust:

1. How many occasions has the unit been closed to new admissions in 2013, 2014 and 2015 to date. Please supply figures for each calendar year.

The Trust can confirm that its Maternity Service comprises of a maternity department at the Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital (Wonford) and three stand-alone midwifery based low risk birthing units and these are located in Okehampton, Tiverton and Honiton.

The Trust can confirm that its Maternity Service has not closed to new admissions within the timeframe requested. On occasions it has been necessary to suspend midwifery services at the stand alone midwifery based low risk birthing units, however, in these circumstances alternative arrangements have been put in place for patients to give birth in another of the Trust's locations.

2. For each such closure, please state the duration of and the reason for the closure.
Not applicable, please see the answer provided above.