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Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 28/08/2021. Please see responses to your requests below.

- 1. 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.**

The Trust's Maternity Unit was closed on 24th February 2021 for approximately one hour, the reason for closure was a combination of staffing levels and outstanding induction of labour. No women were diverted to other units throughout this episode of closure.

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

The Trust are only able to provide the information for the Maternity unit as a whole. The unit reached full capacity four times during the period stated above.

- 3. The percentage of qualified midwifery staff employed within each maternity department across your Trust during the period (January 2020-December 2020) that completed their mandatory training requirements during the same period. Please also confirm the Trust's or local target for number of midwifery staff to have completed mandatory training.**

The Trust's target for compliance is 85%. We have achieved 89.3% compliance between the above stated dates.

- 4. 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.**



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Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information, please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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