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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 13/12/2021. Please see responses to your requests below.

**The number of maternity units within your trust which have had to turn away at least one woman in labour due to a lack of beds in 2021.**

**The number of women in labour turned away or directed to another site throughout your trust due to a lack of beds in 2021.**

The Trust has one Maternity unit. 35 women were diverted to other services in 2021. We don't turn women away or expect them to find another place to birth. In each case the Trust found an alternative unit for the patient.

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](mailto: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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