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Dear

RE: 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 20/06/2023. Please see responses to your requests below.

I'd be grateful if you could respond to the following questions, which relate to your maternity service, under the FOI Act (2000).

- **How many births did you have by site in 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23?**

Please see table below.

Sites	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Queen Alexandra Hospital	4500	4435	4522
Community births	560	614	404
Alongside Maternity Centre B5	360	485	322
Portsmouth Maternity Birth Centre St Mary's	50	31	12
The Grange Birth Centre Petersfield	<5	0	0
Home / Born before arrival	98	86	68
Blake Birth Centre	0	<5	<5
Other	51	8	0

We are unable to provide precise figures when these are five or less due to the risk that individuals will be identified, as we are required to protect their identity under the Data Protection Act.

In such circumstances sections 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This states that personal data should be processed fairly and lawfully. It is the fairness aspect of this principle which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure.

- **During the out of hour periods, what hours of the day do you have a resident consultant obstetrician on site?**

A resident consultant obstetrician is present on site in the hospital from 08.15 until 22.00 Monday to Friday and on Saturday and Sunday 08.15 until 12.00 noon and 20.15 until 22.00.

- **How many consultant obstetricians do you have in your funded establishment?**

The Trust has 16 consultant obstetricians in our funded establishment.

- **How many band 7 midwives do you plan to have on shift at any one time? Please provide by area (i.e. Triage, Delivery Suite, Birth Centre, etc.) and site.**

The Trust plans to have one Band 7 midwife on a shift at any one time for each area.

Day shift

One band 7 midwife in each community area - the west, city, north and alongside birth centre.

In the hospital we plan to have a band 7 in each of the following areas: Antenatal clinic, antenatal/induction ward, postnatal ward, Maternity Triage and Labour Ward, with 1 further Band 7 as Midwife in charge as the operational coordinator for the unit.

Night shift

In the hospital we plan to have Triage 0; Delivery Suite 1; Birth Centre 0; Postnatal ward 0; Antenatal ward 0; additional operational coordinator 1 (supernumerary).

In the community there are no Band 7's planned to be on shift, however they will attend community births as part of the on call service and for support when required.

Specialist band 7 midwives usually work 8am – 4pm and support the unit depending on clinical and speciality requirements (e.g. Antenatal screening and Bereavement midwives).

- **During the out of hour periods, how many O&G (obstetrics and gynaecology) "post graduate doctors in training" do you have resident? Please provide by grade and site.**

The Trust has 1 SHO; 2 registrars over night; at weekends and evenings we have 2 SHO and 2 Reg. In the registrar pairing out of hours we have "senior and junior" – typically defined by pre and post MRCOG or ST3 to ST5 level and ST 5+ (or equivalent).

- **Please confirm both your funded midwifery establishment and your most recent birthrate+ recommended midwifery establishment.**

The funded midwifery establishment was increased from 222.92 WTE to 257.26 WTE in 2021 (breakdown below). Birthrate plus recommended a workforce of 230.30.

Birthrate has dropped and is now around 5000. The Birthrate plus will be reassessed in September 2023.

Current funded midwifery establishment across all bandings in maternity services is:

Band	WTE
Band 8a	7
Band 7	34.61
Band 6	168.75
Band 5	21
Band 3 & 4 MSW	25.9
Total	257.26

This higher funded establishment allows for maternity leave and the additional training required for midwives

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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