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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 06/07/2023. Please see responses to your requests below.

How many times has your maternity unit been closed to new admissions for the following years:

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 (Jan-Jun)
Number of times your maternity has been closed	0	1	0	19	5	0
Total length of time closed (collectively added up)	zero	six hours	zero	The Trust is not able to readily retrieve this information therefore, we cannot provide the exact time.	The Trust is not able to readily retrieve this information therefore, we cannot provide the exact time.	zero

Please can you give the reason behind your most recent closure?

The most recent closure occurred due to increased clinical activity and complexity in relation to the available workforce.

Can you note the reason for your longest closure over the last 5 years?

The reason for our longest closure over the last 5 years was due to an increase in clinical activity in relation to the availability of the required workforce to manage the clinical activity safely.

If possible, can you note the number of patients affected by the most recent closure? Due to the small number of the patients and the risk of sharing identifiable data, this information cannot be provided. We can confirm that, no women were diverted during that time.

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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