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Dear

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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**For Maternity Units**

RCOG guidelines (Obstetric Staffing Targets, 2007-2010), recommend that for units delivering between 4000 and 5000 births, 98 hours of Consultant presence and 3 Specialist Trainees are required.

**Q1.** In view of the above guidance, please confirm the hours of Consultant Obstetrician presence and the number of Specialist Trainees you have in place using table 1 below. using the latest available data

**Table 1 : Required Data**

Number of Births for Your Facility	Hours of Consultant Obstetrician Presence	Number of Specialist Trainees	Comments
>=2500 and <=3000			
>3000 and <=3500			
>3500 and < 4000			
>=4000 and <=4200			
>4200 and <=4400			
>4400 and <=4600			
>4600 and <=4800			
>4800 and <=5000	<b>69.5 per week</b>	13	See below comments
>5000			

- The information is impossible to give in the format required as all Deanery Trainees/ Trust Grades are employed for Obstetrics and Gynaecology as a dual speciality
- Hence there are no Specialist trainees for Obstetrics
- The Obstetrics and Gynaecology SPR rota is a 14 man allocation
- There is one SPR dedicated to Gynaecology Oncology so it could be said that there are 13 SPR available to Obstetrics

**Q2.** For your facility, can you please provide the following information:

Number of Births per year in:

2013-14 **5965**

2014-15 **5923**

2015-16 **5958**

2016 - April to Dec (YTD) **4448**

**Q3.** For Maternity Units which have 'on-site' Midwifery Led Units, are the number of deliveries through this facility counted towards hours required for Consultant Obstetric presence?

Yes

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If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely

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