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From: Public  
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Subject: Maternity unit closures

## REQUEST

I write under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information concerning maternity unit closures.

1. On how many occasions has your maternity unit been closed to new admissions in 2010 through to 2018 (Year to Date) inclusive. Please supply figures for each calendar year.
2. For each such closure, please state the duration of and the reason for the closure.
3. For each closure, please state which maternity unit at which NHS Trust the mother consequently travelled to. If recorded, please state the distance the mother travelled because your maternity unit was closed to new admissions.

Some parts of the request may be easier to answer than others. Should this be the case, please release information as soon as possible.

I would prefer to receive the information electronically

## RESPONSE

Please find below the requested information regarding closures of the maternity unit

We can only provide the data from 2013 and all the closures were due to capacity issues.

We cannot provide the information about how far women had to travel as they would have been diverted to all local units and as it would be very small numbers it could be a data breach as these women may become identifiable.

Number of Unit Closures					
2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
2	2	3	1	2	0
1 hour	1 - 8 hours	1 - 15 hours	30 hours	1 - 5 hours	
	1 - 15 hours	1 - 19 hours		1 - 14 hours	
		1 - 16 hours			