



St Helens and Knowsley  
Teaching Hospitals  
NHS Trust

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Subject: Children's wards been closed

**REQUEST**

I write under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information on children ward closures across your hospitals.

1. On how many occasions have your children's wards been closed to new admissions during financial years 2010/2011, 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17?
2. For each children's ward closure, please state the duration of and the reason for the closure.
3. For each children's ward closure, please also state the number of patients which were diverted elsewhere as a result of the ward closing.

	Number of occasions ward/s was closed	Duration of closure/s	Reason/s for closure/s	Number of patients diverted as a result of closure/s
2010/11	No available data for this period			
2014/15	7 separate dates	Between 4-24 hours depending on discharges from the ward	Wards full to capacity	11 patients transferred to other regional hospitals after being seen in A&E and our wards being at capacity at the time

2015/16	10 separate dates	Between 4-24 hours depending on discharges from the ward	Wards full to capacity	10 patients transferred to other regional hospitals after being seen in A&E and our wards being at capacity at the time
2016/17	6 separate dates	Between 4-24 hours depending on discharges from the ward	Wards full to capacity	9 patients transferred to other regional hospitals after being seen in A&E and our wards being at capacity at the time