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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

- a) **On how many occasions was the maternity unit closed to new admissions in 2020/21?**

Eastbourne midwifery unit closed 27th March 2020 to the 5th July 2020 and 31st December 2020 – 8th February 2021 due to ambulance restrictions because of Covid-19.

- b) **For each such occasion, please state the duration of and the reason for the closure.**

Please see above.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, please write to the Freedom of Information Department ([esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net)), quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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