

FOI REF: 21/383

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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:

- 1. The number of times each maternity ward within your trust had to close to new admissions during the period 1st January 2021 – 30th June 2021 (inclusive). For each instance please specify the duration in which the ward closed and the reason for the closure.**

Eastbourne Maternity Unit (EMU) was closed to births from 4th January 2021 - 8th February 2021 due to South East Coast Ambulance Service withdrawal of support for out of Hospital births. The unit remained open for outpatient activity.

- 2. The number of times each maternity ward within your trust reached full capacity during the period 1st January 2021 – 30th June 2021 (inclusive)**

Using the available bed occupancy data, we are not showing any instances of being at capacity during the requested periods.

- 3. The percentage of qualified midwifery staff employed within each maternity department across your Trust during the period (January 2020-December 2020) that completed their mandatory training requirements during the same period. Please also confirm the Trust's or local target for number of midwifery staff to have completed mandatory training.**

89% of midwifery staff employed within the Trust completed their mandatory training requirements during the same period as requested.

The Trust does not have an official set target, however, we must comply with Clinical Negligence Scheme for Trusts which is 90%.

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4. The total number of open vacancies in each maternity department across your trust as at the date of responding. Where possible please provide a breakdown by staff level i.e. band 5, band 6 and state whether these are unfilled vacancies.

Please see the table below for the number of vacancies within the Trust's maternity departments:

Job title	Grade	Vac FTE	Vacancy stage
Retire/Return - Band 6 Midwife	NHS AfC: Band 6	0.92	Offer
Maternity Staff Nurse	NHS AfC: Band 5	1	Advert
Maternity Staff Nurse	NHS AfC: Band 5	1	Offer
Retire Returnee - Consultant Midwife	NHS AfC: Band 8b	0.5	Offer
Retire Return - Maternity Support Worker	NHS AfC: Band 3	0.7	Offer
Band 5/6 Midwife - Hospital & Community	NHS AfC: Band 5/6	2.75	Offer
Consultant Midwife	NHS AfC: Band 8b	0.5	Offer
Maternity Liaison	NHS AfC: Band 2	2.4	Starting
Band 5/6 Midwife - Hospital & Community	NHS AfC: Band 5/6	5.45	Offer
Maternity Liaison	NHS AfC: Band 2	0.4	Offer
Total FTE Vacancies		15.6	

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Yes, we give our permission for the re-use of data under the Open Government Licence.

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), quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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