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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 maternity units within your trust which have had to turn away at least one woman in labour due to a lack of beds in 2021.**

[East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust can confirm that no women in labour have been turned away from our service due to a lack of beds.](#)

- 2) The number of women in labour turned away or directed to another site throughout your trust due to a lack of beds in 2021.**

[Please see answer to question 1.](#)

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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