

FOI REF: 22/708

29th December 2022

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:

Have any of the following services been closed at your Trust due to staffing issues between November 2021 and October 2022 (inclusive):

a) Birth Centre/Maternity Unit/Ward

The Delivery suite at The Conquest Hospital did not close at all during the period of November 2021 - October 2022.

EMU (birth centre) had episodes of closure due to Covid but not due to staffing issues during the period of November 2021 - October 2022.

b) Breast imaging unit/Ward

The Breast Imaging unit did not close throughout this period and has worked to cover normal clinics and routine patients and has suffered no breaches.

c) Stroke and rehabilitation Unit/Ward

The stroke and rehabilitation units/wards have not been closed during this period.

d) Dialysis Unit/Ward

The Dialysis Unit/Ward falls under the remit of University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust. Please contact them via the following email address for this part of your request:

uhsussex.foi@nhs.net

If so, I would be grateful if you could let me know how long the unit was closed for?

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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, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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