

FOI REF: 23/179

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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:

- The total number of serious incident reports made for each hospital and/or maternity unit in your trust between Jan 2012 - present, broken down per calendar year for each hospital**

The total number of serious incidents reported from 2012 to date relating to maternity was 36.

	Conquest	EDGH
2013	-	1
2015	5	-
2016	6	-
2017	3	-
2018	4	-
2019	5	-
2021	5	-
2022	5	-
2023	2	-

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2. The total number of serious incident reports made by each hospital and/or maternity unit in your trust which refer to maternity or peri-natal care between Jan 2012 - present broken down per calendar year for each hospital

The total number of Serious Incidents from 2012 to date, relating to maternity or peri-natal care is 43.

	Conquest	EDGH
2013	-	1
2015	7	-
2016	7	-
2017	3	-
2018	5	-
2019	7	-
2020	1	-
2021	5	-
2022	5	-
2023	2	-

3. The total numbers of deliveries made by each hospital and/or maternity unit in your trust between Jan 2012 - present broken down per calendar year.

Year	EDGH (Site Only)	Conquest (Site Only)	EDGH	Conquest
2014 (apr-14 onwards)	-	-	225	2251
2015	259	2752	292	2851
2016	270	2886	296	2972
2017	283	2749	313	2814
2018	334	2700	360	2780
2019	301	2601	330	2696
2020	180	2568	213	2665
2021	161	2575	202	2688
2022	110	2676	126	2770
2023 (January and February 2023 only)	14	395	16	400

NB. This question does not specify homebirths/brought in by ambulance births (BBA's), so we have provided our response for births on site only, and all births including homebirths/BBAs separately. We can only provide accurate data from April 2014 onwards, as we no longer have access to archived data before this date.

4. For each calendar year that you have the data available please, provide the ratio of clinical midwives to births for each of the hospitals and/or maternity units run by your trust.

Please see the following table for the ratio of clinical midwives to births.

Please note that the calculation was discontinued for a period of time, therefore the data is not available as indicated in the table below. We have recently recommenced this (April 2022) but have not yet received data for January to March 2023.

	Average Ratio of Midwives to Births
2013	We do not hold this information.
2014(Apr-Dec)	1:33
2015	1:25
2016(Jan-Jun)	1:27
2017	We do not hold this information.
2018	We do not hold this information.
2019	We do not hold this information.
2020	We do not hold this information.
2021	We do not hold this information.
2022(Apr-Dec)	1:37
2023	Not yet collated.

5. For each calendar year that you have the data available please provide the BirthRate Pluse recommended ratio of clinical midwives to births for each of the hospitals and/or maternity units run by you trust

The most recent Birthrate plus review (February 2021) did not provide a recommended ratio of clinical midwives to births. The report identified that based on birth numbers and activity our staffing establishment was correct but recommended an uplift in headroom to ensure cover for maternity leave/long term sickness absence and mandatory training. This was agreed by the Board.

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:

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Yours faithfully

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