

FOI REF: 24/533

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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:

- For the period 1 January 2024 to 31 June 2024, please provide: the number of women / birthing people diverted to other NHS trusts (please specify which) to give birth to their baby**

Please break down by reason for diversion, i.e. lack of staff

2 women transferred in utero,
1 to St Peters Hospital, query labour contracting – 28+4
1 to William Harvey Hospital, high risk of preterm birth at 29+

- For the period 1 January 2024 to 31 June 2024, please provide; the number of women / birthing people diverted to other hospitals within your NHS trust (different to the one they planned to give birth in) to give birth to their baby**

Again, please break down by reason for diversion

197 delivered at Conquest Hospital due to Eastbourne Maternity Unit being closed.

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
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Yours sincerely

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