

FOI REF: 25/864

15th December 2025

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:

If you could please let me know, in the past 12 months whilst in Opel 4:

- 1. How many patients have been left without access to the standard beds post giving birth?**

In the last 12 months, no patients were left without access to the standard beds post giving birth whilst the Trust was in OPEL 4.

- 2. How many recorded cases exist of cribs not being available for newborns due to shortages?**

In the last 12 months, there were no recorded cases of cribs being unavailable for newborns due to shortages whilst the Trust was in OPEL 4.

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.

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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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