

FOI REF: 26/335

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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

Please provide the information requested below:

- 1. Does the Trust use the *Birth Rate Plus Acuity app* for planning and monitoring its real-time maternity staffing levels?**

Yes, for East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust's acute sites only.

- 2. If yes, please provide the following data for each month of 2025:**

- ***Please break the data down by different maternity wards and services i.e. midwife led unit, obstetric labour ward, postnatal ward.***
- ***A monthly summary of the number and percentage of occasions rated as “red, amber, green” or “meets acuity” vs “does not meet acuity/some number of midwives short” according to the Birth Rate Plus Acuity app.***
- ***Please provide the data in the form of a pie chart exported from the Birth Rate Plus app-an example chart is attached.***

Please see the attached document - ‘FOI 2025 Birthrate plus Acuity Data LW’ and note the following:

- Information is not broken down by ward.
- Birthrate plus data is completed for the Trust's labour ward and Frank Shaw ward only.
- We do not collate data via Birthrate plus for the Community.

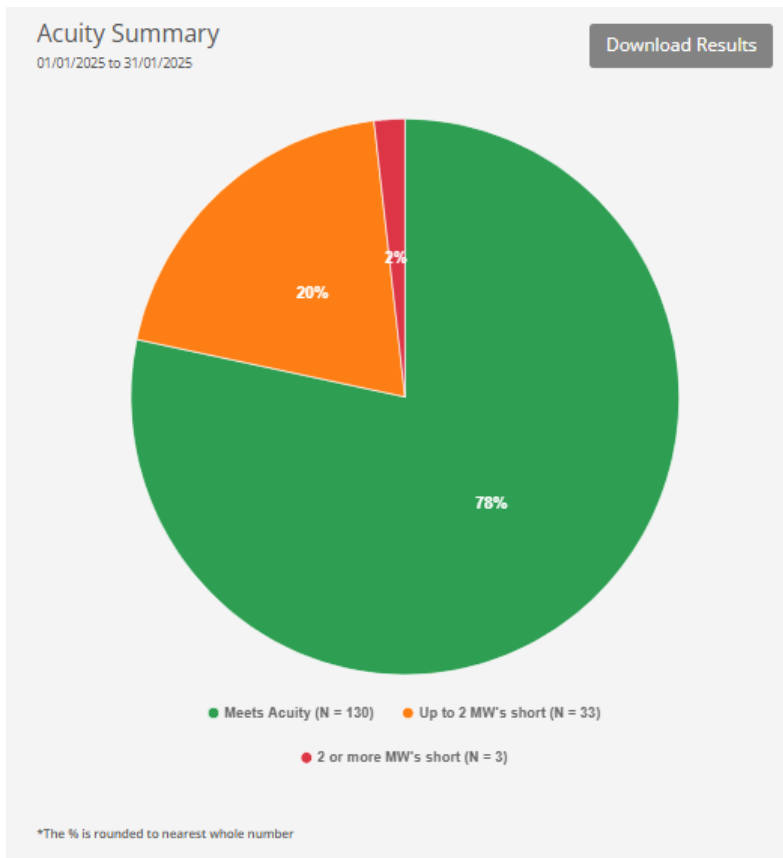
I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at esh-tr.foi@nhs.net

quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

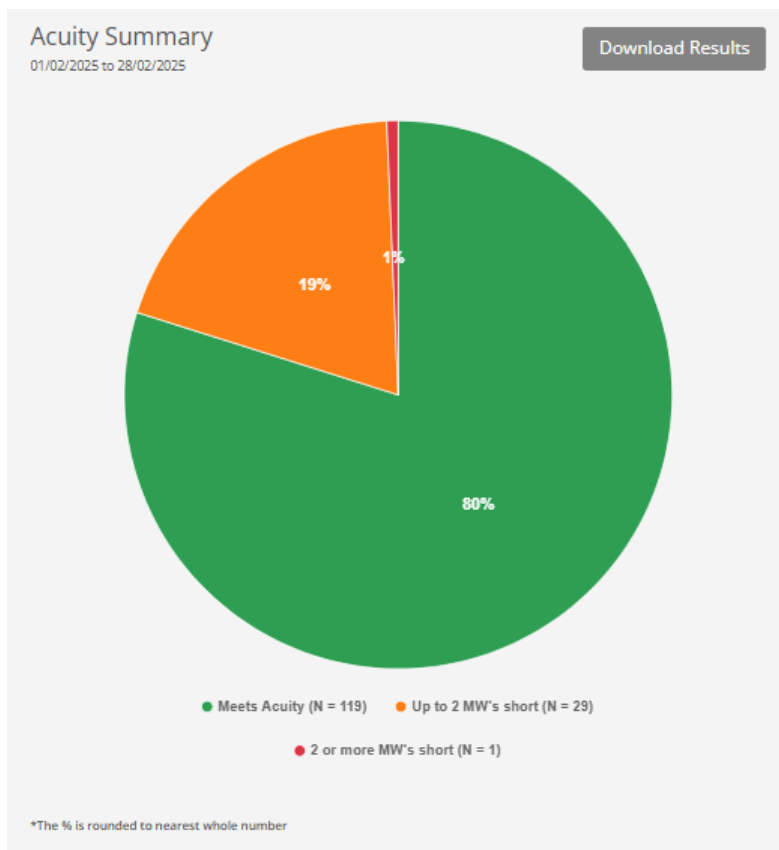
Yours faithfully

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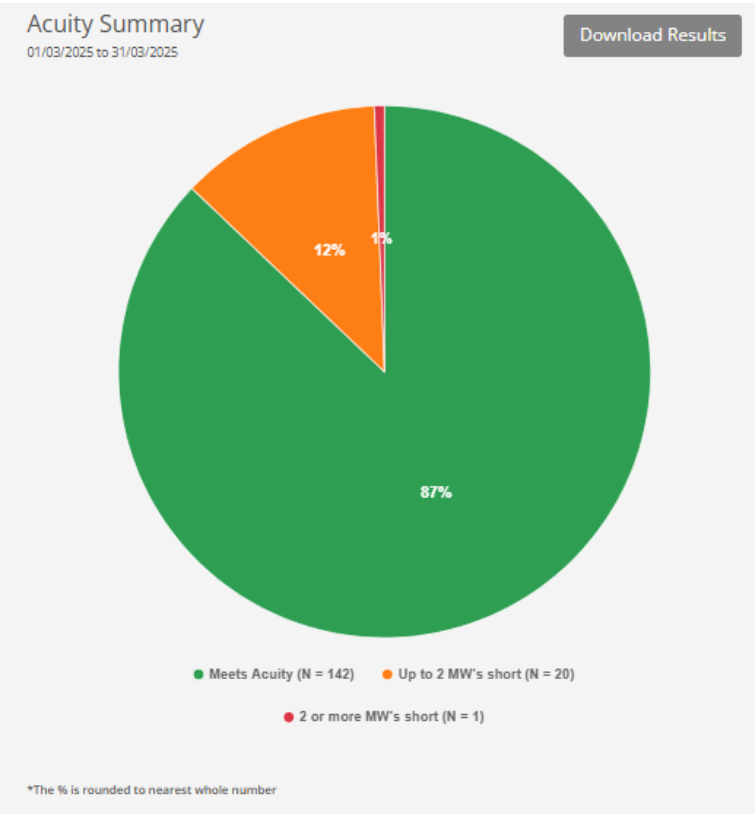
January 2025 Compliance completion: 89.25%



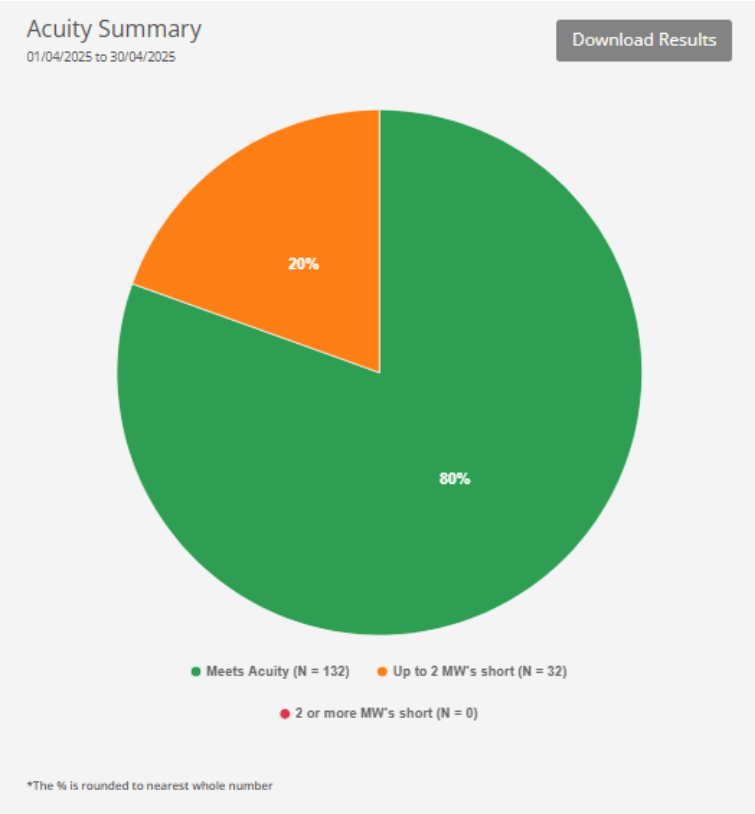
February 2025 Compliance completion: 88.69%



March 2025 Compliance completion: 87.63%

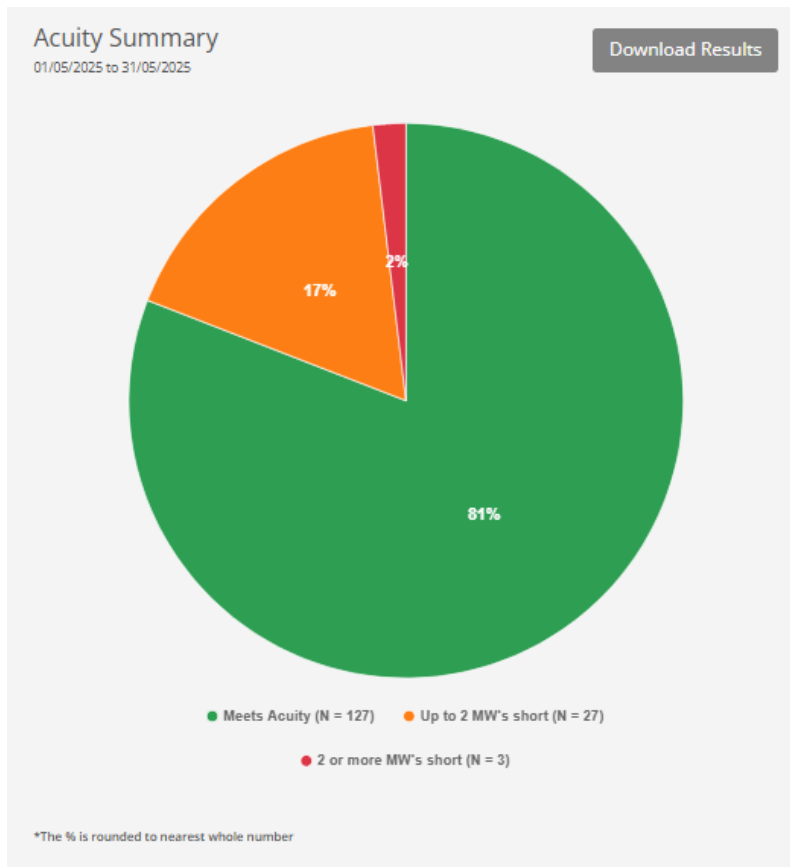


April 2025 Compliance completion: 91.11%



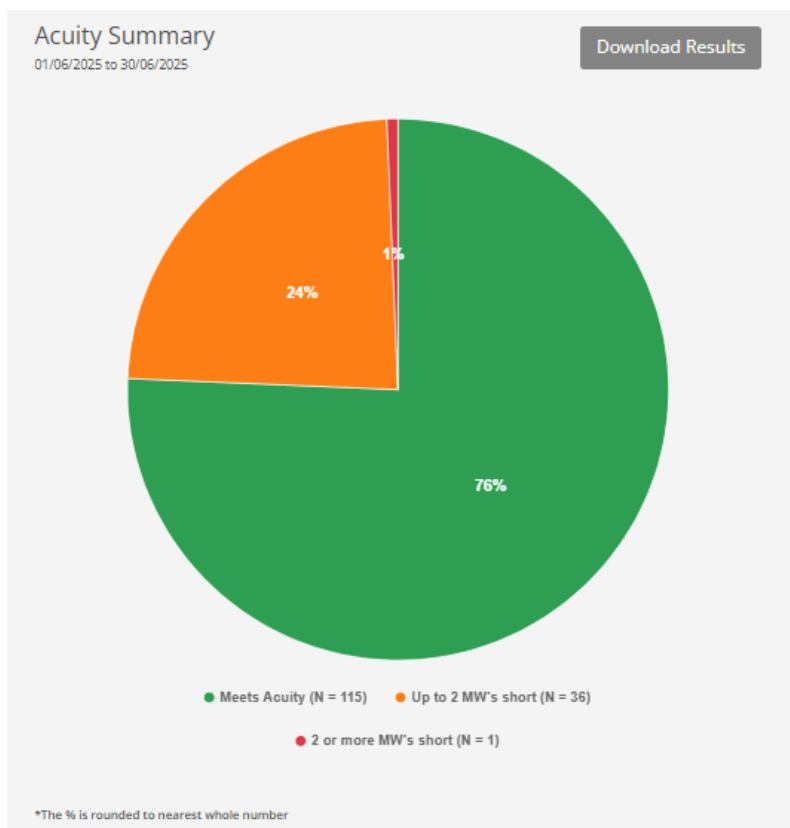
May 2025

Compliance completion: 84.41%



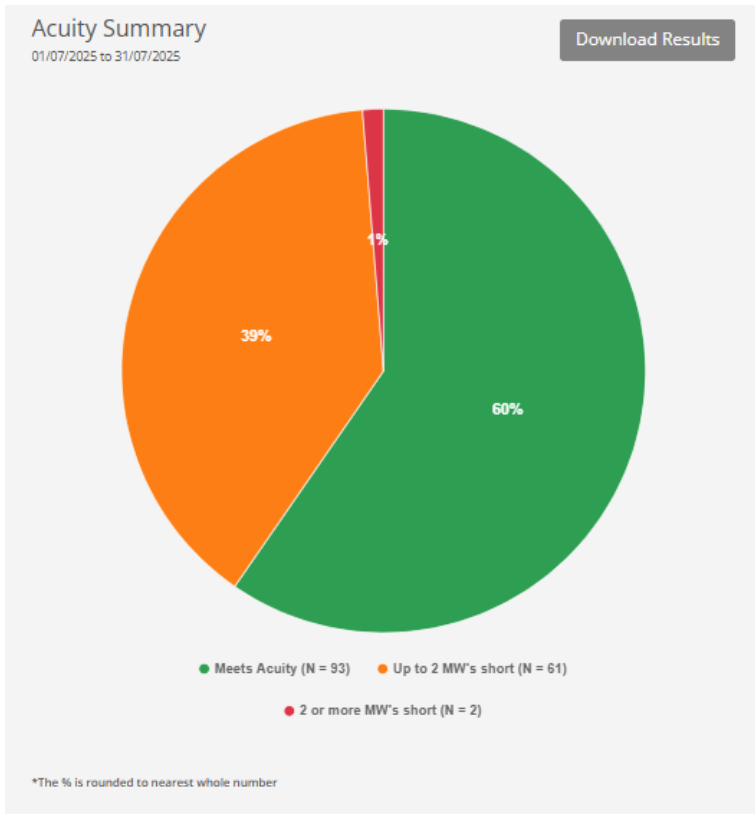
June 2025

Compliance completion: 84.44%



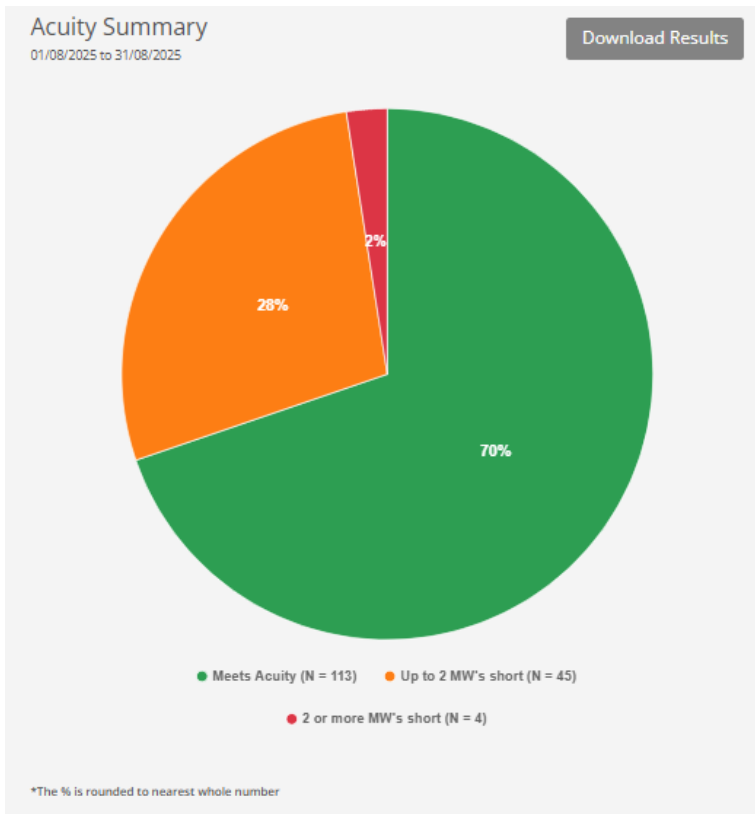
July 2025

Compliance completion: 83.87%



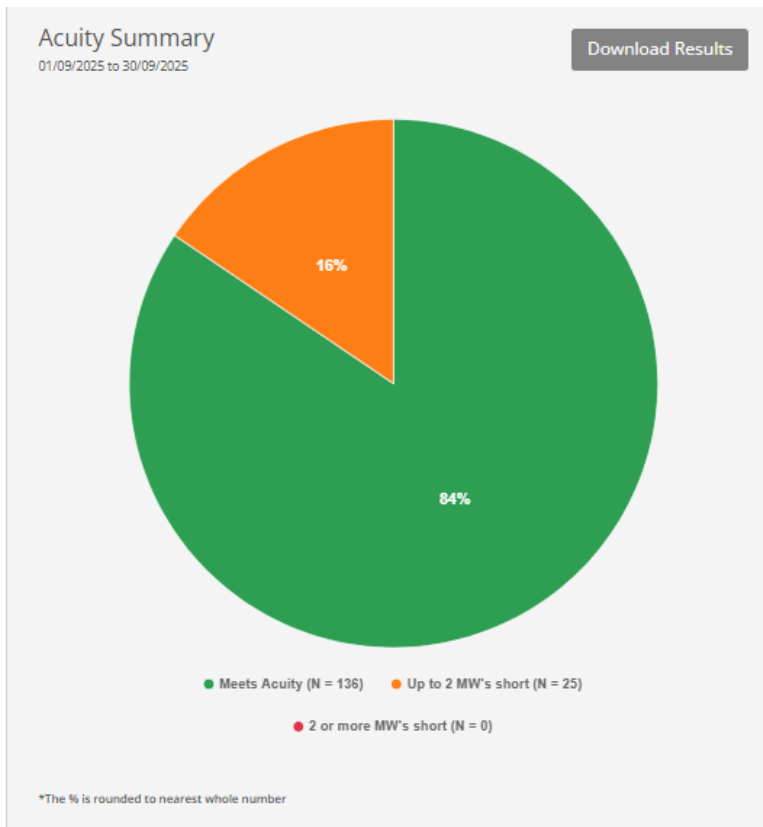
August 2025

Compliance completion: 87.10%



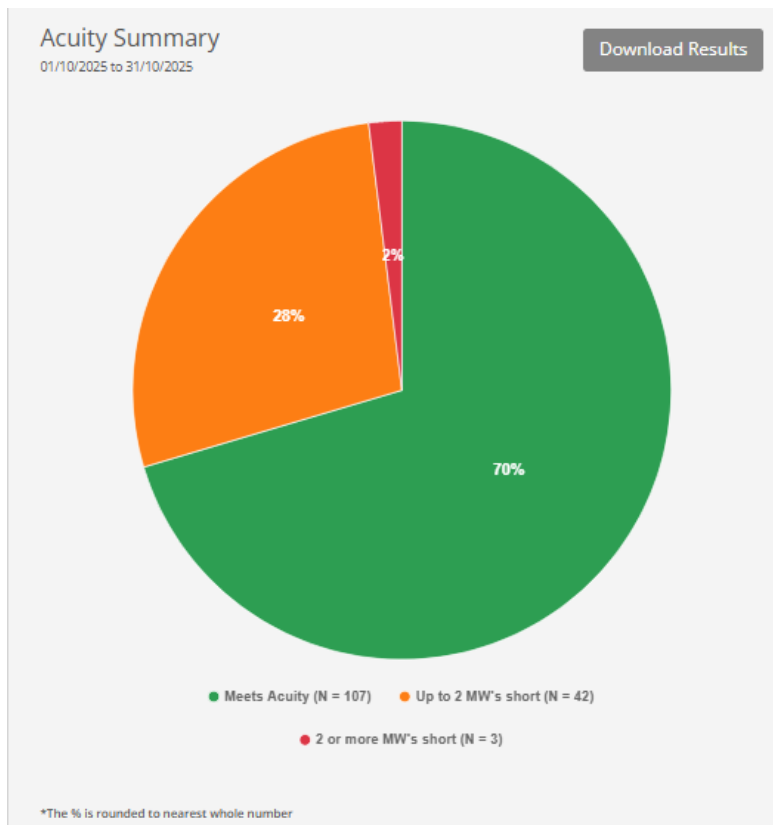
September 2025

Compliance completion: 89.44%

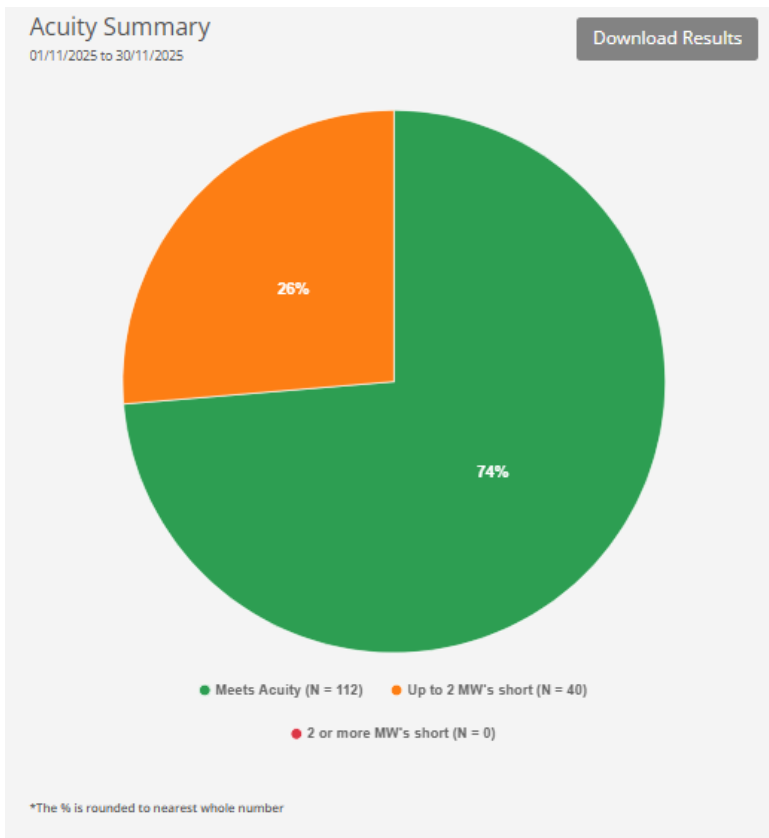


October 2025

Compliance completion: 81.72%



November 2025 Compliance completion: 84.44%



December 2025 Compliance completion: 87.10%

