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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:

1. **How many midwifery red flag events occurred in your Trust during the financial year 2025/2026, and the previous financial year.**

Please see the attached document - 'FOI ESHT maternity Red Flag incidents Apr 2025-March 2026'.

2. **For each midwifery red flag event recorded by the Trust please provide the reason.**

Please see the attached document - 'FOI ESHT maternity Red Flag incidents Apr 2025-March 2026'.

3. **Please can you also confirm if the data is given under the Open Government License or the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015.**

Please can you confirm that you give permission for commercial re use.

Yes, we give our permission for the re-use of data under the Open Government Licence.

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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ESHT maternity Red Flag incidents Apr 2025-March2026

Number of Red Flags recorded

01/04/2025 to 31/03/2026

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Red Flags	Breakdown of Red Flags	Times occurred	Percentage
 RF1	Delayed or cancelled time critical activity	83	19%
 RF2	Missed or delayed care (for example, delay of 60 minutes or more in washing and suturing)	3	1%
 RF3	Missed medication during an admission to hospital or midwifery-led unit (for example, diabetes medication)	0	0%
 RF4	Delay in providing pain relief	0	0%
 RF5	Delay between presentation and triage	4	1%
 RF6	Full clinical examination not carried out when presenting in labour	6	1%
 RF7	Delay between admission for induction and beginning of process	289	65%
 RF8	Delayed recognition of and action on abnormal vital signs (for example, sepsis or urine output)	1	0%
 RF9	Any occasion when 1 midwife is not able to provide continuous one-to-one care and support to a woman during established labour	3	1%
 RF10	Coordinator unable to maintain supernumerary status- providing 1:1 care in labour	4	1%
 RF11	Coordinator unable to maintain supernumerary status- Not providing 1:1 care	52	12%
TOTAL		445	

*The % is rounded to nearest whole number