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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:

I would like to request the number of temporary closures to maternity units in your Trust due to a. acuity and/or b. low staffing levels broken down over the last 5 years.

+If possible, it would be best to have this information via excel spreadsheet.

I can confirm that we hold the information requested above. However, the information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is because the information is accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain and can be accessed by searching Maternity Unit Closures via the following link:

[Freedom of Information \(FOI\) Disclosure Log – East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust](#)

This is an absolute exemption and therefore carries no requirement to consider the public interest.

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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