FOI 2372

Date 20/11/2023

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

Number of times your maternity has been closed from 2018-2023.

Total length of time closed (collectively added up).

Please can you give the reason behind your most recent closure?

Can you note the reason for your longest closure over the last 5 years?

If possible, can you note the number of patients affected by the most recent closure?

We only hold the data for the last 2 years, please see below.

Bedford:



Luton:



The last closure was due to capacity. No women were transferred out to other maternity units during this time.

Longest divert – 14hrs

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 Yours sincerely,

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