

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 18-465

Date 23 August 2018

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

- On how many occasions has your maternity unit been closed to new admissions in 2010 through to 2018 (Year to Date) inclusive. Please supply figures for each calendar year. For each such closure, please state the duration of and the reason for the closure.**

We do not have access to data as far back as 2010 therefore the detail provided covers 2015 – July 2018. Please be advised all reasons for closures were due to capacity issues.

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total number of closures	11	19	23	12

Duration of closure	2015	2016	2017	2018
< 5 hrs	1	3	2	1
5 - 15 hrs	4	6	13	7
16 - 24hrs	1	1	3	0
> 24hrs	0	1	1	0
Unknown	5	8	4	4

- For each closure, please state which maternity unit at which NHS Trust the mother consequently travelled to. If recorded, please state the distance the mother travelled because your maternity unit was closed to new admissions.**

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Southmead Hospital, Bristol	3	14	9	5
Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton	4	2	5	1
Cossham Hospital, Bristol	2	2	8	4
Weston General Hospital, Weston-Super-Mare	3	0	3	1
Royal United Hospitals, Bath	1	0	1	0
Paulton Hospital, Bristol	0	0	0	1

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Trust Secretary
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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