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Our reference: FOI DA4229

I am responding further to your request for information received **6th June 2022** regarding referrals to the Trust's Mother and Baby Unit. It has come to light that some of the data provided to you on 14th June 2022 was incorrect. Please find below an updated response.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Lara Cousens
Information Governance Manager – Information Rights

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

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Wycliffe House
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Request:

Question 1: The total number of beds at the trust's mother and baby unit in each of the three most recent financial years for which data is available

Answer

31 st December each year	No. beds
2019/2020	12
2020/2021	12
2021/2022	12

Question 2: The total number of referrals to the trust's mother and baby unit in each of the three most recent financial years for which data is available

Answer:

Financial Years	Number of referrals
2019/2020	218
2020/2021	176
2021/2022	117

Question 3: The total number of admissions to the trust's mother and baby unit in each of the three most recent financial years for which data is available

Answer:

Financial Years	Number of admissions
2019/2020	68
2020/2021	69
2021/2022	62

Question 4: The total number of referrals to the trust's mother and baby unit which could not be admitted because no bed was available in each of the three most recent financial years for which data is available

Answer: The Trust has reviewed this question for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 1(1) of the FOI Act states:

*Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—
(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and
(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.*



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This Trust does not record this information centrally. There is no specific data field within the clinical system that identifies where a referral was not accepted due to no bed being available. To obtain this information would require accessing the clinical record of each individual whose referral was not accepted to determine the reason why.

As we do not have a legal basis to access these patient records to ascertain this information, we are unable to provide a response to this question.



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