

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to respond to your request [REDACTED] January 2016. Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust can confirm that it holds the data that you requested.

The findings of 2015:

1. The number of times maternity units at OUHT have temporarily closed or 'emergency closures' have been put into place. If possible please can you break this information down into which ward e.g. JR or Horton.

The JR has never closed although some women booked for elective work may be asked if they would like to receive care in the HH if the JR is very busy and may cause a delay in their planned care. The Horton has on occasions diverted pregnant women to the JR because of capacity issues. There were 18 occasions in the 12 months period when the unit was on divert to the JR although on most occasions women were not affected; this will be because women did not contact the unit during this time. The unit was on divert between 2 and 12 hours with the majority of times being 2 – 7 hours.

2. Please, if possible, can you detail the reason for the temporary closure being in place – shortages etc. – mainly due to capacity issues.
3. If possible please can you also provide me the same information for 2014 and 2013 – this information is not available as it was not collected during this time period.

Please note that on 1 November 2011 the Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals NHS Trust (ORH) merged with the Nuffield Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Trust (NOC) to form the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust (OUH). Our response reflects these changes. Therefore, we consider that Oxford University Hospitals Trust has released to you all of the information that it holds in relation to your request.

Internal review

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[REDACTED] Director of Assurance, John Radcliffe Hospital, Headley Way, Headington, Oxford OX3 9DU.

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