

Maternity

July 2018

Ref 3343

Dear Emma

Please find attached the response to your recent Freedom of Information enquiry from Weston Area Health NHS Trust.

1. How many occasions has your maternity unit been closed to new admissions in 2017. Please supply figures for the calendar year rather than financial year.

2. For each such closure, please state the duration of and the reason for the closure.

2017	closed to births	reason
Jan	3 weeks	Trust Escalation
Feb	0	
Mar	0	
Apr	0	
May	0	
Jun	0	
Jul	0	
Aug	0	
Sep	0	
Oct	0	
Nov	0	
Dec	0	

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August 2018

Ref 3402

Dear Oliver

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information enquiry from Weston Area Health NHS Trust.

Weston Area Health NHS Trust does not have a private maternity unit. The Birth Centre is a midwife led unit with no private facilities.

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September 2018

Ref 3459

Dear Matthew

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information enquiry from Weston Area Health NHS Trust.

(a) In relation to 2017/18 how many Overseas Patients Not Eligible for Free UK Healthcare were treated in the maternity department of your Trust?

0

(b) How many of these patients (Overseas Patients Not Eligible for Free UK Healthcare who were treated in the maternity department of your Trust during 2017/18) have received an invoice from the Trust for the value of the care they received.

0

(c) If the answer to (a) is greater than the answer to (b) could you please state why not all these patients were sent an invoice for their care.

(d) In relation to the patients who received a bill, what is the total value of all those invoices? N/A

(e) How many of the invoices sent to patients in (b) have not been paid and what is the total value of these as yet unpaid bills?

(f) In relation to these unpaid bills what is the single biggest outstanding amount?

(g) What is the total amount of invoices for care of any description at your hospital that were written off in the 2017/18 financial year, but which were incurred at any time in the past.

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Ref 3398

Dear Margaret

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information enquiry from Weston Area Health NHS Trust.

1. 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.
2. For each such closure, please state the duration of and the reason for the closure.
3. 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.

2010

8/5/10 15.00hrs until 9/5/10 07.30hrs due to midwifery staff sickness

No redirections

3/8/10 20.30hrs until 4/8/10 07.45hrs due to midwifery staff sickness

2011

19/12/11 19.00hrs until 20/12/11 07.10hrs due to midwifery staff sickness

3 women were redirected to St Michael's Hospital, Bristol – 19 miles

2012

21/4/12 17.00hrs until 22/4/12 07.45hrs due to midwifery staff sickness

No redirections

14/7/12 18.00hrs until 15/7/12 08.00hrs due to midwifery staff sickness

No redirections

7/12/12 17.30hrs until 8/12/12 08.00hrs due to midwifery staff sickness

1 woman redirected to St Michael's Hospital, Bristol – 19 miles

2013

2/1/13 17.00hrs until 3/1/13 08.00hrs due to midwifery staff sickness

2 women redirected to St Michael's Hospital, Bristol – 19 miles

22/2/13 20.00hrs until 25/2/13 08.00hrs due to lack of junior medical staff over the weekend

2 women redirected to St Michael's Hospital, Bristol – 19 miles

1 woman redirected to Southmead Hospital, Bristol – 20 miles

30/3/13 19.00hrs until 31/3/13 07.45hrs due to midwifery staff sickness - no redirections

4/9/13 17.00hrs until 22.30hrs same day due to poor water quality within the hospital

No redirections

6/9/13 16.200hrs until 21.00hrs same day due to poor water quality within the hospital

No redirections

2014

None

2015

3/1/15 09.30hrs until 5/1/15 19.30hrs hospital escalation, maternity beds used for general patients

2 labouring women were diverted to St Michael's Hospital, Bristol – 19 miles

1 labouring woman was diverted to Southmead Hospital, Bristol – 20 miles

2016

10/12/16 15.00hrs until 16/12/16 17.00hrs due to Trust in black escalation

1 woman redirected to St Michael's Hospital, Bristol – 19 miles

2017

31/12/16 12.45hrs until 21/1/17 10.00hrs due to Trust in Black escalation

11 women redirected to St Michael's Hospital, Bristol – 19 miles

2018

17/2/18 16.30hrs until 18/2/18 08.30hrs due to midwifery staff sickness

No redirections

19/3/18 16.30hrs until 20/3/18 08.30 hrs due to midwifery staff sickness

No redirections

24/3/18 16.30hrs until 25/3/18 08.30hrs due to midwifery staff sickness

No redirections

8/7/18 16.30hrs until 9/7/18 08.30hrs due to midwifery staff sickness

No redirections

15/8/18 16.30hrs until 16/8/18 08.30hrs due to midwifery staff sickness

1 woman redirected to St Michael's Hospital, Bristol – 19 miles

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October

Ref 3533

Dear Mercedes

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information enquiry from Weston Area Health NHS Trust.

I am writing under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I would like to request the following information pertaining to the Trust's maternity services activity in 2017:

- Birth rate
- Rate of use of episiotomy
- Rate of oxytocin use
- Rate of use of lithotomy position for birthing,

Month	Birth Rate	Use of episiotomy	Use of lithotomy
January 2017	10	0	0
February	13	0	0
March	13	0	0
April	19	0	0
May	15	0	0
June	15	0	0
July	9	0	0
August	12	1	0
September	11	0	0
October	14	0	0
November	6	0	0
December	6	0	0

Oxytocin's use in labour is none as Weston Area Health NHS Trust do not use oxytocin in labour, women would be transferred to an obstetric unit for this treatment.

Oxytocin for the management in the third stage of labour – Due to the way this data is recorded it would take in excess of 18 hours of staff time (set at £25 per hour) to collate this information as we would need to trawl through the whole years individual records as this information is held on the UHB's patient database and therefore the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit so is exempt under Section 12 of the FOI Act

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November 2018

Ref 3525

Dear Ella

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information enquiry from Weston Area Health NHS Trust.

1. Does your maternity unit allow partners to stay overnight with new mothers after the birth of their child? (Please answer Yes or No)

As a midwifery-led unit, all mothers go home usually within a few hours of giving birth. Partners can stay throughout this time.

2. Please provide your trust's visitation policy for its maternity ward (enclosed as a PDF or word document or a link to the policy please)

No visiting policy required.

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February 2019

Ref 3729

Dear David

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information enquiry from Weston Area Health NHS Trust.

1. Please tell me how many a) consultant obstetricians and b) anaesthetists are onsite in your maternity department between the hours of 10pm to 8am, Monday to Sunday? **Not applicable at Weston as we run a Midwife led birth service only.**
2. Please tell me how many a) consultant obstetricians and b) anaesthetists are on-duty but not onsite between the hours of 10pm to 8am, Monday to Sunday? **Not applicable at Weston as we run a Midwife led birth service only.**
3. Please tell me how many a) consultants obstetricians and b) anaesthetists are onsite on Saturday or Sunday, between the hours of 8am to 6pm? **Not applicable at Weston**
4. Please state how many a) consultant obstetricians and b) anaesthetists are onsite between the hours of 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday? **Monday – 1 for antenatal clinic pm, Tuesday – 1 for diabetic clinic & day assessment cover only, 2 for antenatal clinic am & 1 for day assessment cover – pm, Thursday – none and Friday – 1 for antenatal clinic & day assessment cover in the pm.**
5. Please state the maximum distance on-duty consultant obstetricians and anaesthetists can live away from the hospital? **Not relevant as no out of hours cover needed for birth**

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