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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 32354 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding:-

MBU Referrals and admissions

Your request is set out below:

1. What is your current bed capacity at your Mother and Baby Unit (MBU)?
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2. How many referrals has your MBU received over the following years from January to December:
 - 2017
 - 2018
 - 2019
 - 2020
 - 2021
 - 2022

Please find attached Spreadsheet containing requested information

Due to the low numbers involved in the response to your request I would like to confirm that we are unable to release the information we have therefore provided figures as fewer than 5. We are not obliged, under section 40 (2) FOIA to provide information that is personal information of another person if releasing would contravene any of the provisions of the Data Protection Act 2018. In this instance we believe that the figures are significantly low enough that identification of those involved could be made, and would therefore contravene the first Data Protection principle, therefore section 40 (2) is engaged.

The terms of this exemption in the freedom of information act mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information

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3. Out of the referrals to the MBU over the same period, how many were declined?

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4. Please select the reason the patient was declined:
- lack of beds
 - Did not meet the criteria for admission
 - Other- please specify

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Please note the figures in the attached spreadsheet refer only to Kent, Surrey or Sussex patients, and not patients from other areas who are referred to the MBU. The reason for this is as follows:

The MBU service use a Referrals system called WebBeds. This is used nationally by MBU's.

All referrals for MBU come through this system.

If the referral is for a patient in Kent, Surrey or Sussex, the referral is entered on the clinical system for the MBU admissions team. If the patient is outside of these counties, they are signposted to a closer MBU service.

Once a patient has a referral on the clinical system, they are screened as required, and the referral processed as per normal procedure.

I confirm that the information above/attached completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

If you have any questions or concerns or are unhappy with the response provided or the service you have received you can write to the Head of Information Governance at the address on top of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of
The Information Governance Department