

May 2011

1. On how many occasions were maternity wards oversubscribed (all beds taken resulting in pregnant women being placed in an alternative ward) in:

- a. 2009*
- b. 2010*
- c. 2011*

We have never had any occasions where pregnant women have had to be placed in alternative beds out of the Maternity Unit, save in circumstances where a medical condition has required transfer for the provision of care from another speciality.

2. How many pregnant women have given birth in hospital outside of the maternity ward in:

- a. 2009*
- b. 2010*
- c. 2011*

We do not hold the information you have specifically requested and to collate this information would likely take more than 2½ days. Accordingly, the associated cost would exceed the fee limit of £450 set out under Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2007 which for NHS Trust's is calculated on the basis of the cost of one person spending 2½ working days locating, retrieving and extracting this information at a rate of £25 per hour. Having regard to section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Trust is not obliged to respond to requests that exceed the described fee limit.

However, it may assist you to know that we keep data under a code entitled "*Born Before Admission*" (BBA). This code covers patients that may, for example, have gone through the first stage of labour at home or had their babies at home although this was not planned or who have arrived in 3rd stage labour and who have delivered quickly before the attendance of a midwife or obstetrician.

Born before admission data		
a	2009	29
b	2010	26
c	2011	16 (from 1 January to 30 June 2011)