



FOI 3120

Date 28/06/2024

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

- 1. Do each of your maternity units which offer consultant-led births have two obstetric theatres available 24/7 with a full complement of staff available should the second theatre be needed? How long does it take to mobilise the second theatre and staff if it needed?**

Mobilised immediately

- 2. If you don't have a second obstetric theatre, what arrangements are in place should you have two obstetric emergencies requiring theatres at the same time? What hours are covered by these arrangements?**

N/A

- 3. If you don't have a second obstetric theatre, have you any plans to establish one? Has funding been obtained and how much?**

N/A

- 4. How long approximately does it take to transfer a woman from the labour ward to 1. Your normal obstetric theatre? 2. Whichever additional theatre would be used in the event of two emergencies at the same time?**

Immediately as integrated to delivery suite

- 5. Have you had any serious incidents/Datix (or other reporting system) reports in the last three years involving lack of timely access to fully staffed theatres in maternity emergencies?**

No

- 6. Please attach any policies you have on maternity emergencies/escalation.**

There is not a specific policy for this purpose – if you can confirm specifically what is required we may be able to provide more information

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Yours sincerely,

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