

## Freedom of Information Request

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### Information Requested:

1. What is your current bed capacity at your Mother and Baby Unit (MBU)?  
2 available beds
2. How many referrals has your MBU received over the following years from January to December:
  - 2017 - 64
  - 2018 - 65
  - 2019 - 79
  - 2020 - 52
  - 2021 - 55
  - 2022 - 43
3. Out of the referrals to the MBU over the same period, how many were declined?

2017 – 28 were not admitted to us at time of referral. 14 of these were admitted to other MBU's, 3 were our area 'eastern region' 11 were out of area. 5 we did not get further info on where they were placed. 9 were declined

2018 – 31 were not admitted to us at time of referral. 15 of these were admitted to other MBU's, 6 were our area and 9 out of area. 7 we did not get further info on or they had recovered when bed was available

2019 – 35 were not admitted to us at time of referral. 25 of these were admitted to other MBU's, 9 were our area and 16 were from out of area. 5 we did not get further info on or they had recovered when bed was available.

2020 – 21 were not admitted to us at time of referral. 12 of these were admitted to other MBU's, 4 were our area, 8 were from out of area. 3 we did not get further info on or they had recovered when a bed was available.

2021 – 11 were not admitted to us at time of referral. 3 of these were admitted to other MBU's, 1 was from our area, 2 were out of area. 3 we did not get further info on.

2022 – 16 were not admitted to us at time of referral. 9 of these were admitted to other MBU's, 1 was from our area, 8 were out of area referrals. 2 we did not get further info on.

4. Please select the reason the patient was declined:

- A lack of beds

We would not deem a lack of beds as a decline as we would keep the person on our wait list and offer the next available bed however numbers including bed unavailability were;

2017 – 19

2018 – 22

2019 – 30

2020 – 15

2021 – 6

2022 - 11

- Did not meet the criteria for admission

2017 – 2

2018 – 3

2019 – 2

2020 – 3

2021 – 2

2022 - 3

- Other- please specify

Other reasons that patients may be declined during the financial years are;

Admission not in the best interests of baby

Social care involvement

Parent declined admission

Baby/Parent deemed not medically fit

If you can provide any further breakdown about the referrals to the MBU, then please do include this.

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