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INFORMATION REQUEST FOI2022/374

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Thank you for your Freedom of Information request.

I am writing to ask, under the freedom of information act, for:

- 1) The number of maternity units within your trust which have had to turn away at least one woman in labour due to a lack of beds in 2022.
- 2) The number of women in labour turned away or directed to another site throughout your trust due to a lack of beds in 2022.

I have considered your request and have set out the Trust's response below:

We only have one maternity site at the WVT and there have been less than 6* women in labour who have been turned away/redirected due to lack of beds in 2022.

* Please note that the exact number of patients has been withheld and instead a range of below 6 has been provided, as this relates to a low number. Statistically low information can potentially identify individuals' data, especially due to the rural nature and low population of the county. It would be, in my view, possible to identify them if this data were to be provided to you. The data therefore consists of personal data and as such has been withheld under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please note that a record of previous Trust FOI responses is now available to consult online by visiting:

<https://www.wyevalley.nhs.uk/about-us/information-requests/freedom-of-information-requests.aspx>

If you have queries or any concerns my contact details are given at the top of the letter. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications. If you are dissatisfied with the handling or response to your request and wish to ask for a review of this, please contact me and I will arrange this to be done.

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Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
Telephone: 0303 123 1113 Web site: www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator

Glen Burley, Chief Executive
Russell Hardy, Chairman

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