FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

REF: 2026-114
Subject: Early Labour Attendances (Triage / MAU)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your email dated **11/02/2026** where you requested information about **Early Labour Attendances (Triage / MAU).**

The information you requested is enclosed.

I would be grateful if you could provide the following information for the most recent 12-month period available (or alternatively for the period 1 January 2024 – 31 December 2024, if this is easier to retrieve):	
Question	**Answer**
1. The total number of women who attended maternity triage / maternity assessment unit in early labour (please use your Trust's definition/coding for early labour if applicable).	March 2025 – 149 April 2025 – 143 May 2025 - 137 June 2025 - 142 July 2025 – 154 August 2025 – 114 September 2025 – 124 October 2025 – 127 November 2025 – 111 December 2025 – 100 Jan 2026 – 108 Feb 2026 - 116
2. Of those attendances, how many women were:	
o Discharged home following assessment	March 2025– 47 April 2025 – 40 May 2025 - 44 June 2025 - 49 July 2025 – 60 August 2025 – 40 September 2025 – 46 October 2025 – 36 November 2025 – 33 December 2025 – 34 Jan 2026 – 33 Feb 2026 - 27

o Admitted to the antenatal ward / labour ward / delivery suite	March - 19 anw/83 cds Apr - 16 anw /87 cds May - 18 anw/ 75 cds June - 14 anw/79cds July - 21 anw/ 73 cds Aug - 10 anw/ 64 cds Sep - 12 anw / 66 cds Oct - 16 anw/ 75 cds Nov - 15 anw / 63 cds Dec - 8 anw / 58 cds Jan - 16 anw /59 cds Feb - 8 anw / 81 cds
o Transferred to another unit or hospital (if applicable)	0
If possible, please provide the data broken down by:	
o Parity (primiparous / multiparous)	Data not available
o Mode of arrival (self-referral / referred by community midwife / ambulance)	Data not available
o Gestation category (term / preterm)	Specific pre term data not collected
o Time of attendance (day vs night, or by shift time if recorded)	This data is not attainable
4. If available, please provide the average or median:	
o Length of stay in triage/MAU prior to discharge or admission.	On average 1-2 hours
Additional Clarification If your Trust does not specifically code "early labour," please provide the closest equivalent data available (for example, women attending with contractions/latent phase labour who are not in established labour).	

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Freedom of Information Department. It would be helpful to quote the above reference number in any future communication.

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Yours sincerely,

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