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Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

- 1. The number of FTE funded midwife posts there are for each maternity service at your trust?**

The Wigan service has 141.51 FTE.

- 2. The number of FTE funded midwife posts for each maternity service at your trust which were vacant as of the start of August 2023 (excluding those on maternity or long term sick leave where sick leave has lasted for one month or longer)?**

4.39 FTE.

- 3. The number of FTE funded midwife posts for each maternity service at your trust which were vacant as of 1st May 2023 (excluding those on maternity or long term sick leave where sick leave has lasted for one month or longer)?**

5.22 FTE

- 4. The date of the most recent Birthrate Plus study of midwifery staffing for each service within your trust?**

January 2023

5. The number of FTE funded midwife posts that Birthrate Plus recommended your trust employ for each maternity service at your trust?

We only have one maternity service within the Trust. BR+ recommended a further 3.69 wte were required.

6. For each of the last five years, how many red flag events have been recorded for each of the trust's maternity services?

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
25	23	<5	29	33

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- b) Disclosure may cause damage or distress to the individual(s) involved, and that damage or distress would be unwarranted (section 10 of the DPA).

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Yours sincerely,



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