

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act Reference 2022.175
Released 23 September 2022**

Thank you for your email received 22 September 2022 requesting information regarding maternity units.

Please find detailed below a summary of your request, together with our response.

Summary of your original request:

Please provide me with an annual breakdown of the total number successful clinical negligence claims made against the trust in the maternity sector and the total value of the damages paid out in the maternity sector, broken down at a site-level.

I am specifically requesting the information at a site-level, not at the trust-level. That means the data you provide should be broken down by individual sites - e.g. separate data for a hospital the trust manages, as well as a midwife-led unit.

Please indicate if a site is a midwife-led unit i.e. freestanding from a hospital.

Please provide this data for the latest five years for which it is available.

The data could be provided to me in the format of two tables, one for total number of claims and a second for the total value of damages. Each row would represent a site, and each column would be a year.

Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust is not commissioned to run maternity units, which means we do not hold any of the information you have requested. Maternity units are run by the acute trusts, so you will need to redirect your request to them. In Kent these are:

Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust

East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust

Medway NHS Foundation Trust

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