

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2022.250
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Thank you for your email received 29 November 2022 requesting information regarding closed services.

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

Summary of your original request:

Have any of the following services been closed at your Trust due to staffing issues between November 2021 and October 2022 (inclusive):

- a) Birth Centre/Maternity Unit/Ward***
- b) Breast imaging unit/Ward***
- c) Stroke and rehabilitation Unit/Ward***
- d) Dialysis Unit/Ward***

If so, I would be grateful if you could let me know how long the unit was closed for?

The Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust does not operate birth centres or maternity wards, breast imaging or dialysis services; therefore we do not hold information for these parts of your request. These services are provided by the Acute Trusts. 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

Therefore, you will need to redirect parts a, b and d of your request to the above-mentioned Trusts.

With regard to stroke rehabilitation; these services have not been closed at the Trust between November 2021 and October 2022.

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