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REQUEST

1. The number of FTE funded midwife posts there are for each maternity service at your Trust?
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)?
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)?
4. The date of the most recent Birthrate Plus study of midwifery staffing for each service within your Trust?
5. The number of FTE funded midwife posts that Birthrate Plus recommended your Trust employ for each maternity service at your Trust?
6. For each of the last five years, how many red flag events have been recorded for each of the Trust's maternity services?

RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1st July 2023, as such, the response to your request may be provided in relation to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

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271.84 FTE

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10 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)?**

5.92 FTE

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

Whiston Hospital: October 2022

Ormskirk Hospital: January 2022

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

Whiston Hospital: Clinical midwives = 149.71 WTE. This figure excludes non clinical midwifery staff.

Ormskirk Hospital: Clinical midwives = 100.35 WTE. This figure excludes non clinical midwifery staff.

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

Whiston Hospital: Red Flags (January 2018 to August 2023)

Year	No. Red Flag Events
2018	17
2019	27
2020	28
2021	86
2022	16
2023 to date	23

Ormskirk Hospital: Red Flags (January 2018 to August 2023)

Year	No. Red Flag Events
2018	16
2019	17
2020	27
2021	34
2022	34
2023 to date	57