

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

RF23-414

Request:

1. Please provide a list of active services / units which are currently closed (specifying number of beds/patients)
2. For each, please specify dates of initial closure
3. Please specify reasons for closure (i.e. staffing shortage, lack of funding etc)
4. Please specify an estimated re-opening date

Response:

We can confirm East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHUFT) holds the information you have requested.

1. Singleton Unit (Midwifery Led Unit): William Harvey Hospital (WHH). 8 bedded unit (6 Side rooms and 2 x birthing pools).
2. Closed in March/April 2020
3. Closed due to Covid 19 and staff shortages. The unit has been unable to reopen again for Maternity due to staffing shortages however, it has been used as an escalation area (6 beds only) for medicine patients since July 2022 to July 23.
4. End of summer 2023

(DATE OF RESPONSE: 24 JULY 2023)

