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Our Ref: FOI/04247

Thank you for your request concerning Mother And Baby Unit.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

1) Number of patients who used the Mother and Baby Unit, broken down yearly from 2010-2021.

We are happy to provide the data going back to 2013, which is when our Mother and Baby Unit opened.

Calendar Year	Total Number of Service Users
2013	14
2014	32
2015	38
2016	39
2017	38
2018	42
2019	30
2020	39
2021	34

2) Number of people trying to use the Mother and Baby Unit, broken down yearly from 2010-2021

This information is not recorded¹.

Please be advised that the FOIA does not oblige a public authority to create information to answer a request if the requested information is not held or exist. The FOIA duty is to only provide the recorded information held.

¹ Section 1(1) Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled (a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and (b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.



3) Funding allocated for the Mother and Baby Unit, broken down yearly from 2010-2021

Money for the mother and baby unit is allocated by NHS England (NHSE) as part of our Specialist Services Contract. We only hold records for income received in financial years such as 14/15, not calendar years such as 2014, so we have provided the information in this format. We do not hold records for the periods prior to 14/15 as per our retention schedule¹.

Funding allocated by NHSEI and its predecessor specialist commissioning organisation for the Herts mother and baby unit:

	£
14/15	1,381k
15/16	1,402k
16/17	1,454k
17/18	1,394k
18/19	1,533k
19/20	1,573k
20/21	1,612k (estimate as no contract due to covid funding arrangements)
21/22	1,653k (estimate as no contract due to covid funding arrangements)

4) Number of beds in the Mother and Baby Unit, broken down yearly from 2010-2021

Since our Mother and Baby unit opened in 2013, it has always had six beds.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

Sue Smith

**Sue Smith
Information Rights Officer**

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).



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