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Our Ref: FOI/04349

Thank you for your request concerning Mother And Baby Unit - 6 Years.

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

**1. What is your current bed capacity at your Mother and Baby Unit (MBU)?**

Our Mother and Baby Unit currently has 6 beds.

**2. How many referrals has your MBU received over the following years from January to December:**

Calendar Year	Number of Referrals received
2017	36
2018	65
2019	30
2020	79
2021	69
2022 (Jan to May)	49

3. Out of the referrals to the MBU over the same period, how many were declined?

Calendar Year	Number of Admissions	Referrals Declined
2017	36	0
2018	35	30
2019	26	4
2020	35	44
2021	30	39
2022 (Jan to May)	26	23

4. Please select the reason the patient was declined:

- A lack of beds
- Did not meet the criteria for admission
- Other- please specify :

All of the above.

We receive referrals from all over the UK and these are triaged and assessed by our Team.

Some referrals are deemed as not suitable for our MBU, managed in the community, redirected to another MBUs due to their location or in some instances there are no beds available.

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*

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**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](#).

