

### ***Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000***

Thank you for your request for information which we received on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024. I am pleased to confirm the following.

- **The total number of women in labour who requested an epidural for pain relief**

Under section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act – Personal Information- this would involve searching through large amounts of medical records.

- **The total number of women in labour who received an epidural for pain relief**

Under section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act – Personal Information- this would involve searching through large amounts of medical records.

- **The number of women who did not receive the epidural requested**

This would require a review of all clinical notes to see who had requested this would take us over a reasonable request for time

- **The number of women who received the epidural within 30 minutes of making the request (0-30 minutes inclusive)**

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- **The number of women who received the epidural within 60 minutes of making the request (0-60 minutes inclusive)**

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- **The number of women who received the epidural later than 60 minutes after making the request (61 minutes and above)**

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- **The longest recorded epidural waiting time**

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If you are unhappy with the information received in response to this request, please address your complaint to the Patient Affairs Office at Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Standing Way, Eaglestone, Milton Keynes MK6 5LD If, after exhausting our internal

process, you are still unhappy with the information received, you may write to the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator  
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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'Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations' and best practice.