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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 45944 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

Women in Labour – Pain Relief

Your request is set out below:

Please provide the following information broken down by each full calendar year 2019-2023 inclusive, and all available information for the calendar year 2024 so far:

- The total number of women in labour who requested an epidural for pain relief
- The total number of women in labour who received an epidural for pain relief
- The number of women who did not receive the epidural requested
- The number of women who received the epidural within 30 minutes of making the request (0-30 minutes inclusive)
- The number of women who received the epidural within 60 minutes of making the request (0-60 minutes inclusive)
- The number of women who received the epidural later than 60 minutes after making the request (61 minutes and above)
- The longest recorded epidural waiting time

These figures should not include women who received an epidural during a planned or emergency Caesarean section.

The Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust are commissioned to provide the mental health care and treatment for adults across the Kent and Medway area, we are unable to provide the data requested above as do not provide any of the above services.

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

If you have any questions or concerns or are unhappy with the response provided or the service you have received you can write to the Head of Information Governance at the address on top of this letter. If you are

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not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of
The Information Governance Department