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Subject: Suspension or Restriction of Home Birth Services and
Standalone Midwifery Units

REQUEST

1. On how many days between 1 April 2024 and 30 September 2025 was your home birth service suspended or restricted (ie would not have attended a woman in labour at home if requested to do so)?
2. How many women were unable to access the home birth service on these days? (ie were booked for a home birth and were then told they had to give birth in a hospital or birthing unit or contacted you during labour, asking for a home birth even if this had not been booked in advance)
3. If you have a standalone midwifery unit (ie one which is not on the same site as an obstetrician-led service so not co-located), on how many days between 1 April 2024 and 30 September 2025 was this suspended or restricted (ie women would not have been admitted if they went into labour – even if no women needed the service on these days)?
4. How many women in labour were unable to access the unit to give birth on these days?
5. If you have more than one standalone midwifery unit please answer these questions separately for each one.

RESPONSE

1. On how many days between 1 April 2024 and 30 September 2025 was your home birth service suspended or restricted (ie would not have attended a woman in labour at home if requested to do so)?

None

2. How many women were unable to access the home birth service on these days? (ie were booked for a home birth and were then told they had to give birth in a hospital or birthing unit or contacted you during labour, asking for a home birth even if this had not been booked in advance)

N/A

3. If you have a standalone midwifery unit (ie one which is not on the same site as an obstetrician-led service so not co-located), on how many days between 1 April 2024 and 30 September 2025 was this suspended or restricted (ie women would not have been admitted if they went into labour – even if no women needed the service on these days)?

N/A no standalone midwifery unit

4. How many women in labour were unable to access the unit to give birth on these days?

N/A

5. If you have more than one standalone midwifery unit please answer these questions separately for each one.

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