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Subject: Bed occupancy in the maternity unit(s) at the Southport and Ormskirk hospitals in 2023/24

REQUEST

I note that back in 2023/24 the Southport and Ormskirk hospitals were reporting very low bed occupancy for maternity beds as reported to the NHS England Bed availability and occupancy quarterly data collection.

As detailed in this study, Capacity Planning (Capital, Staff and Costs) of Inpatient Maternity Services: Pitfalls for the Unwary <https://www.mdpi.com/1660-4601/22/1/87> this is implausible unless maternity operates from multiple sites.

Can you be most kind and confirm the average number of available beds and the average occupancy for your maternity sites and the number of births at each site in 2023/24.

RESPONSE

Response from Ormskirk Maternity below

Fin Year : 2023/24

Bed Occupancy - MAT Ward

Years (Date)	Months (Date)	Patients On Ward @ Midnight	Days In month	Daily Avail Beds	Available Beds	% Occupancy	2023/24		
							Available Beds	Occupied Beds @ Midnight	% Occupancy
2023	Apr	335	30	21	630	53.2%	10,614	5,385	50.73%
	May	313	31	21	651	48.1%			
	Jun	333	30	21	630	52.9%			
	Jul	352	31	21	651	54.1%			
	Aug	465	31	21	651	71.4%			
	Sep	318	30	21	630	50.5%			
	Oct	333	31	21	651	51.2%			
	Nov	395	30	21	630	62.7%			
	Dec	395	31	21	651	60.7%			
	2024	Jan	399	31	21	651	61.3%		
		Feb	365	29	21	609	59.9%		
		Mar	392	31	21	651	60.2%		
Total		4395	366	252	7686	57.18%			

Bed Occupancy - DEL Ward

Years (Date)	Months (Date)	Patients On Ward @ Midnight	Days In month	Daily Avail Beds	Available Beds	% Occupancy	2023/24		
							Available Beds	Occupied Beds @ Midnight	% Occupancy
2023	Apr	87	30	8	240	36.3%	10,614	3,812	33.81%
	May	79	31	8	248	31.9%			
	Jun	77	30	8	240	32.1%			
	Jul	76	31	8	248	30.6%			
	Aug	79	31	8	248	31.9%			
	Sep	71	30	8	240	29.6%			
	Oct	92	31	8	248	37.1%			
	Nov	85	30	8	240	35.4%			
	Dec	86	31	8	248	34.7%			
	2024	Jan	87	31	8	248	35.1%		
		Feb	100	29	8	232	43.1%		
		Mar	71	31	8	248	28.6%		
Grand Total		990	366	96	2928	33.81%			