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Detail of request:

1. Could you please state, per hospital, how many home births took place in 2004, 2005, 2006, and so far in 2007.
2. Could you state how many home births were requested per hospital in each of these years.
3. Could you state the average number of births taking place in each hospital per bed, per year.
4. Could you also state the average number of deliveries taking place in each hospital per midwife, per year, for 2004/2005/2006 and so far in 2007.

Confirmed with the applicant for information to be provided in financial not calendar years.

Details of response:

I have been informed that information is not available before 1 April 2005, and as such I cannot provide data to you before this point. I have, therefore, been given data for 2005/2006, 2006/2007 and 1 – 30 April 2007, as statistics for May 2007 are not yet available.

1.	2005/2006	-	King George Hospital	-	105
			Harold Wood Hospital	-	108
	2006/2007	-	King George Hospital	-	114
			Harold Wood Hospital/ Queen's Hospital	-	132
	April 2007	-	King George Hospital	-	5
			Queen's Hospital	-	9

2. This data is not collected, and as such I cannot provide it to you.

3. 2005/2006

This figure is difficult to estimate, as sometimes induction of labours, complicated antenatal women and LSCS remain in the bed on the Labour ward. However, approximately the following was the average number of births per bed:

King George Hospital	-	500.7 per year
Harold Wood Hospital	-	310.4 per year

2006/2007

This figure cannot be estimated as the NHS Trust moved after halfway through the year, when Harold Wood Hospital closed and Queen's Hospital opened. The figures would therefore be obscured due to this.

April 2007 to-date:

Figures have not been produced, and as such I cannot provide them to you.

4. 2005/2006 –

Information is not collated separately per hospital site, and as such the following reflects a figure for both sites. In addition Community midwives have been included in the calculation although they do not do the same amount of deliveries as a Hospital midwife.

On average 46 deliveries per midwife.

2006/2007 - 44 deliveries per midwife

April 2007 2007 to-date - figures have not been produced, and as such I cannot provide them to you.

Additional information:

Details of complaints procedure and Section 50 Decision Notice provided.