Torbay and South Devon
NHS Foundation Trust

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Our Ref: TSD10469

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Dear Sir/Madam

Request for Information

We are writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information you requested.

A copy of the information is below as of April 2026:

I would like to ask, as a FOI request, for each maternity unit in your trust –

1. **What is the name of your maternity unit?**
   Maternity Services at Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust

2. **How many 3rd year midwifery students do you have doing their clinical placement in your maternity unit, this academic year 2025-6?**
   7

3. **How many vacancies do you expect to have for newly qualified midwives in September 2026?**
   5.4 whole-time equivalents; the number of postholders will depend on their contracted hours.

4. **How many vacancies do you expect to have in September - December 2026 for newly qualified midwives?**
   As per the response for question 4, we only have one intake for newly qualified midwives on to the midwifery preceptorship course per year and this is in September.

5. **What communications have you sent to your 3rd year midwifery students to inform them about expected job opportunities when they qualify?**
   Discussions are held face to face with the 3rd year midwifery students with the Practice Education Facilitator Midwife. As we are a relatively small maternity unit, we know all the third-year students personally and meet with them face to face regularly.

6. **If and when there are vacancies for newly qualified midwives, are midwives who trained at your trust/unit automatically offered a job without an interview / guaranteed an interview / not guaranteed a job nor an interview?**
   No

7. **How many Band 5 newly qualified midwives have been recruited in your unit since September 2025?**
   7 individuals (6.44 whole time equivalents)

8. **How many of those are on permanent contracts?**
   None – newly qualified midwives are able to apply for one of the 12 month fixed term midwifery preceptorship posts.

9. **How many of those are on short-term contracts?**
   7 individuals (6.44 whole time equivalents) – all 12 month fixed term midwifery preceptorship posts.

10. **How many of those are full-time?**
    1

11. **How many of those are part-time?**
    6

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Yours sincerely,

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