

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 15/02/2019.

I am pleased to be able to provide you with the following information:

1. *Please tell me how many a) consultant obstetricians and b) anaesthetists are onsite in your maternity department between the hours of 10pm to 8am, Monday to Sunday?*
 - a) **There are no obstetricians on site after 20:30.**
 - b) **There is one anaesthetist present on site dedicated to obstetric anaesthesia during these times. In addition, there is another resident senior anaesthetist in the hospital available to be called for extra help/a second emergency but has other duties in the hospital in addition to maternity (e.g. ITU support, main theatre emergency work)**
2. *Please tell me how many a) consultant obstetricians and b) anaesthetists are on-duty but not onsite between the hours of 10pm to 8am, Monday to Sunday?*
 - a) **Between 10pm to 8am Monday to Sunday, there is 1 Obstetric Consultant on call.**
 - b) **There are 2 consultant anaesthetists on call available from home – one is responsible for maternity and general theatre emergencies and the other for ITU. In emergency situations, these anaesthetists will often support each other.**
3. *Please tell me how many a) consultants obstetricians and b) anaesthetists are onsite on Saturday or Sunday, between the hours of 8am to 6pm?*
 - a) **There is one Obstetric Consultant on site from 08:00 to 13:00 Saturday and Sunday.**
 - b) **During these times there is one anaesthetist resident on the labour ward. There is one consultant anaesthetist and trainee in main theatres on site; this consultant is usually available to attend obstetrics in an emergency. There is a consultant anaesthetist on ITU who will typically spend most of the day on site.**
4. *Please state how many a) consultant obstetricians and b) anaesthetists are onsite between the hours of 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday?*
 - a) **There are 2 consultant obstetricians on the Labour ward between 08:00 and 13:00 Monday – Friday. From 13:00 – 20:00, there is one consultant obstetrician available to cover all obstetric work, this may also include gynaecology.**
 - b) **During these times, there are 3 anaesthetists present on the labour ward. Across the whole hospital, there are approximately 50 anaesthetists present on site during these times.**

5. *Please state the maximum distance on-duty consultant obstetricians and anaesthetists can live away from the hospital?*

On-duty consultant obstetricians and anaesthetists need to be within 10 miles, or a 30 minute drive, of the hospital.