

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI 10069.22
<b>Subject:</b>	Maternity Services
<b>Date of Request:</b>	18 October 2022

**Requested:**

1. The number of temporary closures of stand-alone maternity units and  
b) the reason for the closure, by year, for the last four years (2019 – 2022)
2. The number of temporary closures of home birth services and  
b) the reason for the closure, by year, for the last four years (2019 – 2022)
3. The number of advertised FTE vacancies for Midwifery Registered staff, by year, for the last four years (2019 – 2022)

**Response:**

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) has had no closures of its stand-alone maternity units during the requested timeframe.
2. The UHB has had no closures of its home birth services during the requested timeframe.
3. The table overleaf provides the Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) number of vacancies for Registered Midwives that were advertised by the UHB during the 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 financial years, and April – September of the 2022/23 financial year.

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>WTE vacancies</b>
<b>2019/20</b>	10.64
<b>2020/21</b>	26.10
<b>2021/22</b>	24.60
<b>2022/23</b>	10.64