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## Narrative

Staffing has again been below expected levels for the month of October, however there has been a noted decline in clinical activity. Jeffcoate ward has been closed for 21 nights during October. This has occurred due to reduced staffing and insufficient postnatal women suitable to be cared for on this ward. Bank shifts have been in place for shifts requiring cover along side the redeployment of staff, the maternity bleep holder overnight has ensured that all areas are safe and escalation policy has been implemented if required.

## **Staffing Concerns**

Number of shifts where staffing levels are not compliant with planned levels

Number of staffing related concerns escalated to Matron or higher

## Ward Manager's Assurance Statement

The number of shifts lost to sickness has increased since last month, and maternity has proactivity recruited to vacancy and to cover maternity leave, off duty is created in a timely manner in accordance with policy to meet the demands of the service. A senior midwife is allocated to monitor each area for staffing, acuity, and occupancy across the 24 hour period. Redeployment of staff is undertaken as required to ensure a safe effective maternity service with appropriate escalation. The closure of Jeffcoate ward throughout October was undertaken to support the staffing deficits.

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Beds Total	The total number of beds allocated or available to the ward
Beds Occupied	Of the total beds, the number that have a patient in the bed
WTE Funded	WTE stands for Whole Time Equivalent. Funded WTE is the number of staff that is planned to be on a shift at any one time.
WTE Actual	Of the Funded WTE, the actual staffing level for the shift.
Registered	A Registered Nurse is one whom has qualified to practice as a nurse and is registered as such with the Royal college of Nursing or Royal College of Midwives
Unregistered	Unregistered staff are care staff that assist nurses with the day to day care of patients