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REQUEST

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to find out how your NHS trust is prepared to cope with the forthcoming autumn/winter demands.

Please may you provide me with:

Could you please answer the questions below and when responding provide plans and as much detail as possible where required to demonstrate preparedness for autumn / winter 2021/22 - 1st October 2021 to 28th Feb 2022.

1) Has the trust increased the total General and Acute bed capacity?

Please provide the total number of available General and Acute beds across the trust. This must include all physical beds than can be open, funded by commissioners and occupied for admitting elective and non-elective patients across all sites within the trust.

- a) as at March 2020
- b) as at July 2021
- c) How many beds can be funded and open between 1st October 2021 and 28th Feb 2022 to cope with any surges in non-elective patients?

2) Has the trust increased the total ICU bed capacity?

Please provide the total number of available ICU beds across the trust. This must include all physical ICU beds than can be open, funded by commissioners and occupied for admitting patients across all sites within the trust.

- a) as at March 2020
- b) as at July 2021
- c) How many additional beds can be funded and open between 1st October 2021 and 28th Feb 2022 to cope with surges in non-elective patients?

RESPONSE

Q1. The average number of available beds (as per KH03 guidance):

- a) March 2020 687 beds
- b) July 2021 694 beds
- c) Ward 1a x 32 beds physical space – funding being sourced

Q2. The average number of available beds in ICU

- a) March 2020 14 beds
- b) July 2021 14 beds
- c) 7 additional physical beds not commissioned / funding being sourced