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Dear Sir/Madam

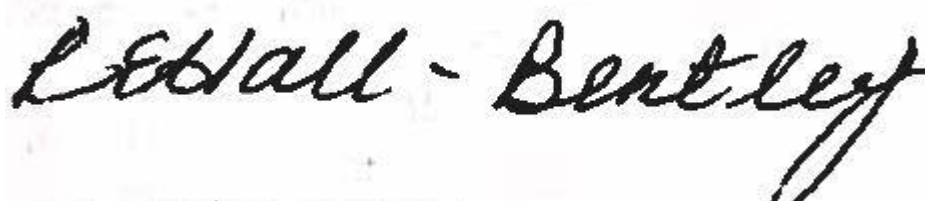
You asked:

**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 - 354
  - b) as at July 2021 - 360
  - 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? 0 additional beds
- 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 - 11
  - b) as at July 2021 - 11
  - 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? 0 additional beds.

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L Hall - Bentley". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Lynne Hall-Bentley  
Director of Operations – Division of Medicine

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