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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

You asked:

I would like to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would like to know:

- 1) *In the past 12 months, have you suspended any acute services because of a shortage of doctors or nurses to staff the service?*

If yes:

- a) *Which services were suspended?*
- b) *How many suspensions have there been?*
- c) *What was the longest period a service was suspended for?*

2.) Intensive care services: Are any ITU beds closed?

If yes:

- a) *How many times in the past 12 months have ITU beds had to be closed?*

No acute services have been suspended in the last 12 months due to staff shortages.

I hope you find this information useful, 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,



Andrew Foster

Chief Executive

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