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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 FOI Act.

You asked

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I would like to request the following information:

(1) The number of General and Acute beds available for overnight occupancy the Trust expects to have by the end of financial year 2020/2021. I would like this figure to be calculated using the same criteria as the standard KHO3. I enclose the link here:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/bed-availability-and-occupancy/bed-data-overnight/>

There are no plans to increase or decrease this number at this time: Average 468 over the previous 12 months (Q4 2016-17, to Q3 2017-18).

*(2) The number of **core** General and Acute beds the Trust expects to have by the end of financial year 2020/2021. I would like this figure to be calculated using the same criteria as that used for the weekly situation reports on bed occupancy. I enclose an example here:*

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/winter-daily-sitreps/winter-daily-sitrep-2017-18-data/>

*Please note that this is **core beds only** and does not include escalation beds*

There are no plans to increase or decrease the number at this time: 432

(3) Is the trust currently part of any discussions, whether at trust or at any other level, on whether the overall number, or the core number of general and acute beds should be reduced? If so, what stage are those discussions at and who with? (e.g. firm plans, consultation stage, working group stage etc.)

There are no firm plans to increase the beds in the Trust but there are preliminary discussions taking place to investigate if an increased bed base will support the health economy.

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,



Andrew Foster
Chief Executive

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