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Response Due: 11<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold part of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

### **Wards**

**1. The total number of wards across the trust site**

There are 18 wards at the RAEI site (the main bedded ward site).

**2. The number of wards with mechanical ventilation**

10 ward areas are mechanically ventilated. 8 wards are not provided with mechanical ventilation.

**3. The number of wards with fully HTM-compliant ventilation**

The ward areas were designed and constructed over a wide-ranging time period. The ward areas would have been designed and constructed to the relevant standards applicable at the time. Those timeframes would include timeframes prior to any HTM being published and then also timeframes that cover 3 separate versions of a ventilation HTM (HTM 2025, HTW 03-01 (2007) and HTM 03-1 (2021)).

### **Theatres**

**1. The number of theatres across the trust site**

25 operating theatres across WWL.

**2. The number of theatres with mechanical ventilation**

All operating theatres are provided with specialised healthcare mechanical ventilation.

### **3. The number of theatres with fully HTM-compliant ventilation**

The operating theatres were designed and constructed over a wide-ranging time period. The operations theatres would have been designed and constructed to the relevant standards applicable at the time. Those timeframes would include timeframes prior to any HTM being published and then also timeframes that cover 3 separate versions of a ventilation HTM (HTM 2025, HTM 03-01 (2007) and HTM 03-1 (2021)).

Operating theatres undergo an independent annual inspection and verification exercise each year, that exercise determines if the performance of the operating theatre meets a satisfactory standard to remain in operational use.

This is typically based upon the technical performance of the Ultra Clean Ventilation (UCV) canopy for UCV theatres and the air change rate and hierarchy or cleanliness for conventional theatres.

### **Risks/Compliance**

#### **1. Is a lack of adequate ventilation on your trust risk register?**

The Ventilation Working (Safety) Group currently has 10 risk assessments covering ventilation issues.

#### **2. The estimated cost (if held) to reach full HTM-compliance for ventilation across the trust?**

This information is not recorded. However, a 10-year plan re applying for potential NHS funding to overhaul and replace specialist ventilation systems (typically operating theatres) has been created.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



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