



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-260

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Email [foi@uhn.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhn.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding preparedness for autumn / winter.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

**Q1 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?**

A1 See below;

a) As at March 2020: 1430 beds (of which 83 were escalation)

b) As at July 2021: 1312 beds (of which 91 were escalation)

c) 1367 (of which 83 would be escalation)

**Q2 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?**

A2 See below:

- a) As at March 2020: 90 beds
- b) As at July 2021: 58 beds
- c) 62 beds

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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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