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I am responding to your request for information received 13<sup>th</sup> August 2019. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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Information Governance Coordinator

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**Request:**

**Question 1. How many private patient beds does your trust currently have in each of the following settings?**

- a) A dedicated private patient unit**
- b) Private patient wards**
- c) Other private beds eg. on or near NHS wards**

Answer: The Trust does not have private patient beds.

**Question 2. What is the total number of private beds currently designated for self-pay patients?**

Answer: The Trust does not have private patient beds.

**Question 3. Are NHS patients ever allocated private beds? If so, what proportion of private bed days would be taken up in this way (2018/19)?**

Answer: NHS patients are allocated private beds only when patients require specialist placements, such as secure mental health care or learning disabilities care. This is usually funded by NHS England – they can be contacted at [england.contactus@nhs.net](mailto:england.contactus@nhs.net)

**Question 4. Please state the total annual cost to your NHS Trust in providing self-pay treatment in 2018/19.**

Answer: Not applicable.

**Question 5. Please state the total amount billed for provision of private treatment in 2018/19 to:**

- (a) self-pay patients**
- (b) private health insurer(s)**

Answer: Not applicable.

**Question 6. Please state the amount received as a result of this billing in each case.**

Answer: Not applicable.