

Information Governance

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I am responding to your request for information received 14 July 2021, which you clarified on 4 August 2021. I am sincerley sorry for the delay in responding to your request. 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,



Keshia Harvey
Information Governance Manager

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Water Lane
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Request:

Dear Sir/Madam, I write under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information on 'active beds' across your Trust. An active bed is any staffed bed that is in service, occupied, or unoccupied.

As of 1st of July 2021 (or most recent available data):

Question 1. How many active beds were in service?

If possible, please break this down by sector as delineated by NHS England in the KH03 quarterly collection (General & Acute, Maternity, Learning Disability and Mental Health - please note, if you are a mental health trust, no additional breakdown is needed)

Answer: Please see table below:

Type of Ward	Available Beds
Adult Mental Illness	465
Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	24
Forensic Psychiatry	248
Geriatric Medicine	27
Old Age Psychiatry	101
Grand Total	865

Question 2. How many beds were not in service? If possible, please break this down by sector as delineated by NHS England in the KH03 quarterly collection.

Clarification: I would define beds not service in terms of beds that exist in the Trust but cannot be used due to a number of different reasons e.g. ipc, staffing, lack of equipment

Question 3. Please clarify why these beds were not in service.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed questions 2 and 3 of your request for information.

Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:
Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—
(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and
(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.

The Trust does not hold the information requested and is therefore unable to disclose it to you.

The number of unused beds has changed frequently during the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure a safe environment for patients, staff and visitors. Closures have taken place when necessary based on the need for safe staffing numbers and the requirement to segregate COVID positive and negative patients. This has resulted in some beds being temporarily unavailable at certain times. During the pandemic the Trust also increased capacity by jointly opening up step-down

beds with North East London NHS Foundation Trust (NELFT). All ELFT wards are currently open.

In the first week of July 2019:

Question 4. How many active beds were in service? If possible, please break this down by sector as delineated by NHS England in the KH03 quarterly collection.

Answer: Please see table below:

Type of Ward	Available Beds
Adult Mental Illness	464
Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	28
Community Medicine	20
Forensic Psychiatry	247
Geriatric Medicine	32
Learning Disability	7
Old Age Psychiatry	119
Grand Total	917

Question 5. How many beds were not in service? If possible, please break this down by sector as delineated by NHS England in the KH03 quarterly collection.

Clarification: I would define beds not service in terms of beds that exist in the Trust but cannot be used due to a number of different reasons e.g. ipc, staffing, lack of equipment

Question 6. Please clarify why these beds were not in service.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed questions 5 and 6 of your request for information.

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