

Dear

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request concerning number of scheduled operations that have been cancelled due to bed shortages.

The Trust can provide the following information:

1. The number of scheduled operations that have been cancelled in each of the past three financial years (2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013) due to bed shortages (example codes may be 2.1 ICU/HDU beds unavailable and 2.2 Ward beds unavailable) and a break down of the hospitals at which the cancellations occurred.

No beds available
2010-2011: None
2011-2012: None
2012-2013: 6 in January

2. For the same three financial years, the number of scheduled operations that were cancelled because of staff shortages (example codes may be 2.5 Surgeon unavailable - leave, 2.6 Surgeon unavailable - other, 2.7 Anaesthetist unavailable - leave, 2.8 Anaesthetist unavailable - other and 2.9 Theatre staff unavailable), again broken down by hospital.

Cancelled as surgeon unwell
2010- 2011: 5 cases
2011-2012: 10 cases
2012-2013: 3 cases

Cancelled cases no surgeon available
2010-2011: 2 cases
2011-2012: 1 case
2012-2013: 4 cases

Theatre nursing staff unavailable
None in all 3 financial years

3. The number of beds operating in each of the trust's hospitals for each of the past five financial years

Number of beds in operation as at end Apr13 was 436.

Number of beds in operation as at end Apr12 was 442.

Number of beds in operation as at end Apr11 was 431.

Number of beds in operation as at end Apr10 was 436.

Number of beds in operation as at end Apr09 was 436.

If you have any queries about this response please contact the information governance manager at foi@homerton.nhs.uk , in the first instance. If, following that, you still have any concerns, you may contact the Information Commissioner either by letter, FOI/EIR Complaints resolution, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SM9 5AF, or by email www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk to take them further.

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