

FOI REF: 21/420

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

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.

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

Conquest Hospital	374
Eastbourne District General Hospital	358

b) as at July 2021

Conquest Hospital	378
Eastbourne District General Hospital	386

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?

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Eastbourne District General Hospital	386

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2) 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 that can be open, funded by commissioners and occupied for admitting patients across all sites within the trust.

a) as at March 2020

Conquest Hospital	6 x Level 3 and 5 x Level 2.
Eastbourne District General Hospital	5 x Level 3 and 3 x Level 2.

b) as at July 2021

No Change.

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?

None.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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