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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:

Should your trust look after more than one hospital which has emergency admissions under general surgery we would appreciate if these answers could be given for each individual hospital rather than amalgamated.

1. What is the name of the hospital the following questions will relate to?

[Conquest Hospital](#)

2. How many acute inpatient beds did this hospital have for 2021?

[372 general and acute beds, including 14 escalation beds.](#)

3. How many emergency (unplanned) admissions did this hospital have under the acute general surgery services in 2021?

[4,185.](#)

4. How many cases did this hospital submit to the National Emergency Laparotomy Audit (NELA) in 2021?

[Total cases submitted to NELA for the period January to December 2021 was 154.](#)

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5. Which of the following organisation systems describes how emergency general surgical admissions are organised in this hospital?
- a. Mixed general surgical take under a non-specific general surgery consultant
 - b. Daily allocation of acute admissions to a general surgery subspeciality (Upper GI / Colorectal / Hepatobiliary)
 - c. Dedicated Emergency General Surgery consultants / service during weekdays only (Monday to Thursday, or Monday to Friday)
 - d. Dedicated Emergency General Surgery consultants / service weekdays and weekend. ✓
 - e. Other (please state)

6. If your hospital runs a dedicated emergency general surgery service (answers c or d above), how many dedicated emergency general surgery consultants form the rota for this service?

10 Consultants cover both Conquest and Eastbourne District General Hospital.

7. If this hospital does not already have an emergency general surgery service, does it plan to change it's service to this form in the next 5 years?

Not applicable.

1. What is the name of the hospital the following questions will relate to?

Eastbourne District General Hospital

2. How many acute inpatient beds did this hospital have for 2021?

375 general and acute beds, including 54 escalation beds.

3. How many emergency (unplanned) admissions did this hospital have under the acute general surgery services in 2021?

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4. How many cases did this hospital submit to the National Emergency Laparotomy Audit (NELA) in 2021?

None, all cases submitted to NELA are done at Conquest Hospital.

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Not applicable.

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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