

FOI REF: 24/750

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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:

1. **How many whole-time equivalent (WTE) pharmacists are dedicated to your ED?**

0.
2. **How many whole-time equivalent (WTE) pharmacy technicians are dedicated to your ED?**

0.
3. **How many resuscitation beds are there in your ED?**

Conquest Hospital	4
Eastbourne District General Hospital (EDGH)	4
4. **How many high-acuity beds are there in your ED?**

Clarification was sought with regard to your definition of high-acuity beds and confirmation was received as follows:

Major or high acuity beds are places in emergency medicines where more intensive care and closer monitoring is required than general hospital wards, but less so than intensive care units.

A joint statement by the Royal College of Emergency Medicines (RCEM) and UKCPA published in December 2023, advised that all EDs must have a dedicated pharmacist where for clinical cover, RCEM recommends 0.1 WTE pharmacist per Resus bed plus 0.05 WTE pharmacist per Majors/High Acuity

bed. This calculation should include patients managed in non-clinical areas (e.g. corridors) who would otherwise be in Majors/High Acuity beds.

If there are no such beds in your ED, please specify on Q4.

Conquest Hospital
EDGH

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

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Yours sincerely

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