

FOI REF: 25/190

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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. **The total number of beds in all the hospitals and wards under your trust or foundation.**

Conquest Hospital	357 Beds
Eastbourne District General Hospital	355 Beds
Rye Memorial Hospital	19 Beds
Bexhill Hospital	57 Beds

Total - 788 Beds across acute and community bed base.

2. **Total number of patients who were 'medically fit for discharge' (MFFD) or no longer meet the criteria to reside as mentioned in the latest NHS England data, but remained in hospital for seven days or longer between 1 January 2024 and 1 January 2025 because they had no recourse to public funds (NRPF) as highlighted here. Please provide the information from all the hospitals under the trust or foundation.**

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3. **Total number of patients who were 'medically fit for discharge' (MFFD) or no longer meet the criteria to reside as mentioned in the latest NHS England data, but remained in hospital for seven days or longer between 1 January 2024 and 1 January 2025 because of the lack of social care. Please provide the information from all the hospitals under the trust or foundation.**

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4. **Total number of patients who were ‘medically fit for discharge’ (MFFD) or no longer meet the criteria to reside as mentioned in the latest NHS England data, but remained in the hospital for seven days or longer between 1 January 2024 and 1 January 2025 because they were at risk of or experiencing homelessness.**

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5. **Total number of patients who were ‘medically fit for discharge’ (MFFD) or no longer meet the criteria to reside as mentioned in the latest NHS England data, but remained in the hospital for seven days or longer between 1 January 2024 and 1 January 2025 because of any other reasons.**

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Please note Community delay reasons were not captured robustly on our patient administration system until the 1st August 2024. Community data not provided prior to this date.

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, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner’s Office
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Yours sincerely

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