

FOI REF: 25/518

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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:

Wards

1. The total number of wards across the trust site

35 wards.

2. The number of wards with mechanical ventilation

35 wards.

3. The number of wards with fully HTM-compliant ventilation

None, both of our acute hospitals, Conquest Hospital and Eastbourne District General Hospital, were built before the HTM's were written and implemented.

Theatres

1. The number of theatres across the trust site

24 Theatres across the Trust.

2. The number of theatres with mechanical ventilation

24 Theatres.

3. The number of theatres with fully HTM-compliant ventilation

4 as these have been built in the last 12 months as part of our new Surgical Centre development, all other theatres were built prior to HTM's being written and implemented.

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Risks/Compliance

1. Is a lack of adequate ventilation on your trust risk register?

Yes.

2. The estimated cost (if held) to reach full HTM-compliance for ventilation across the trust?

Estimated cost £30 million.

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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