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**Reference: 2015-223**

Dear [REDACTED]

**Re: Information Request – Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Following your request for information we received on 12 February 2015. The Trust has looked into your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, but it is with regret that we are unable to provide the information you have requested.

You requested:

**“Please provide me with the number of (a) available and (b) occupied Level 2 adult critical care beds at your trust in May and December of each year from 2011 to 2014.**

(For ease of answering, a table is provided further below.)

**In answering, please describe the number of available and occupied Level 2 adult critical care beds as a monthly snapshot taken at midnight on the last Thursday of each month – that is, using the same snapshot as you use for describing total critical care beds for your returns to NHS England’s Critical Care Bed Capacity statistics.**

For reference, the guidance that NHS England provides on counting beds is below (note that this methodology is expressed here in terms of both Level 2 and Level 3 beds, whereas the question asked in this Freedom-of-Information request applies just to Level 2 beds): *“Count all adult critical care (ITU, HDU or other) beds that are funded and available for critical care patients (Levels 2 and 3) at midnight on the last Thursday of the reporting period. Note that this should be the actual number of beds at that time and not the planned number of beds. Beds funded but not available due to staff vacancies should not be counted unless the vacancies have been filled by bank or agency staff. Beds that are not funded, but are occupied should be counted.”*

For reference, the definition of ‘Level 2’ given by NHS England is below: *“Patients requiring more detailed observation or intervention including support*

*for a single failing organ system or post operative care and those “stepping down” from higher levels of care. Also known as High Dependency”.*

| <b>Number of Level 2 adult critical care beds at your trust</b> |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| May-11  | Dec-11 | May-12 | Dec-12 | May-13 | Dec-13 | May-14 | Dec-14 |
|   |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |

| <b>Number of occupied beds</b> |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| May-11                         | Dec-11 | May-12 | Dec-12 | May-13 | Dec-13 | May-14 | Dec-14 |
|                                |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |

I can confirm on behalf of the Trust that the Trust does not hold the requested information because the Trust provides a mental health service and therefore only has mental health beds.

The Trust has considered the definition of Critical Care Level beds 2 and 3 on the HSCIC website, and it is the Trust’s view that your FOI request relates to Acute Hospital beds not mental health beds.

I do hope you are satisfied with the way in which your response was handled, if not you may request an internal review at the above email address within 28 days of this letter. When contacting the Trust please use the above reference that is unique to your request.

If you remain unsatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you may seek further recourse by lodging an appeal with the Information Commissioner’ Office at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF and on the Information Centre’s website. [www.ico.gov.uk/](http://www.ico.gov.uk/)

Yours sincerely

  
**Interim Information Governance Officer**