

Request title: Ward Capacity Issues

Date of Response: 8th April 2016

Further to your Freedom of Information request, the Trust has answered your questions in the order they appear in your request.

Request

Please tell me what happens if you get patients for ITU / ICU / HDU but they are full with other patients, what do you do?

Reply

The Trust would explore all options to try and admit the patient such as:

- Assess whether there were existing patients on ICU/HDU who could be transferred to a ward
- Whether there were patients who could be transferred to Recovery temporarily.

If there were no options to create capacity in ICU, then a non-clinical transfer to another Hospitals ICU would have to be considered.