

**Information Governance**

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Dear

**Request for Information: Freedom of Information Act**

Thank you for your email of 2 October making a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. You requested the following information and the Trust is able to provide the information below in response:

**Request:**

As part of their winter planning, Worcestershire Acute Trust has identified that 200 extra beds will be needed this winter to avoid excessively high occupancy rates. I would therefore like to know:

- a) Has the trust made any assessment of how many extra beds it will need to cope with demand this winter (and if so, how many)
- b) Will the trust be increasing its bed stock as appropriate to meet the increased level of demand
- c) If so, has this been costed (please include financial estimates where possible/relevant)

**Response:**

Oxford Health NHS FT is a provider of specialist secondary mental health services and specialist community health services. In Oxfordshire major acute services are provided by Oxford University Hospitals NHS FT.

The Trust plans an increase from 132 community hospital beds currently to 150 for winter, and no plans to increase the number of mental health beds since the requirement for these is not materially affected by seasonal changes.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to me and I will ensure

the decision is reviewed. The Trust will consider undertaking a review if requested to do so within 40 working days of the date the response is received by the applicant, and will apply discretion if a longer period of time has passed.

Should you wish to make a complaint as a result of the outcome of such a review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision.

Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Trust for Fof Act matters.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF

Please contact me if there are any further queries.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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