

Our ref: CR/jmck/FOI - 1700

26th June 2023

By Email: (request-985765-3bc12aea@whatdotheyknow.com)

Dear Ms Hamill

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Your request for information regarding number of beds allocated to surgical patients has now been considered and the information requested is enclosed.

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you should write to Dr Catherine Weaver, Head of Information Governance, the FOI lead for the Trust. You have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

If you have any queries or concerns then please contact Information Governance at the following address:

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10 Moyallen Road
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Tel: 028 37 561458

Email: Foi.Team@Southerntrust.hscni.net

Yours sincerely

(Sent electronically, not signed)

**CATHRINE REID
DIRECTOR OF SURGERY AND CLINICAL SERVICES**

Enc: Response FOI/1700

SOUTHERN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE TRUST

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION RESPONSE 1700

Can I please have for Daisy Hill Hospital the numbers of beds allocated to be available for supervision of "surgical" patients?

Can I have this month by month 2022 and 2023 thus far.

And also can you break down into children cases and adult cases.

Response:

The table below demonstrates, on a monthly basis, the number of 'surgical' beds that are recorded as 'open' on our hospital information system (PAS). Please note that these are based on beds / wards that are open overnight.

These beds are utilised for across all 'surgical' specialties which include Breast Surgery; ENT; General Surgery; Gynaecology; and Urology. We are unable to provide figures for paediatric surgical beds as the paediatric beds in Daisy Hill Hospital are not split by surgical or medical.

Month End Position	Allocated Beds	Month End Position	Allocated Beds
Jan-22	46	Oct-22	46
Feb-22	46	Nov-22	46
Mar-22	46	Dec-22	46
Apr-22	46	Jan-23	49
May-22	46	Feb-23	49
Jun-22	46	Mar-23	49
Jul-22	46	Apr-23	49
Aug-22	46	May-23	49
Sep-22	46		

Whilst the hospital information system demonstrates 49 beds, please note that the actual funded bed numbers, as agreed with the Commissioner, is 45. This is made up as follows:

- 17 in the Female Surgical Ward
- 12 in the Elective Admissions Ward
- 16 in the Male Surgical Ward

Due to temporary service needs a number of these 'surgical' beds are being temporarily utilised by Medicine.