

Ref FOI17 134
Date 7 July 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Please find below/attached the Isle of Wight NHS Trust's response to your request.

Please provide the following information

Accident and Emergency

1. As of April 2010, the total number of Accident and Emergency beds within the Trust (including predecessor Trusts)

Response: Please note the Isle of Wight NHS Trust came into existence on the 1.4.12 therefore we do not hold information prior to this date. If you require information prior to this date please contact the Department of Health.

2. As of March 2011, the total number of Accident and Emergency beds within the Trust (including predecessor Trusts)

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3. As of April 2017, the total number of Accident and Emergency beds within the Trust

Please split the figures for questions 1-3 into overnight beds and day-only beds. This request includes beds that were temporarily unavailable.

Response: The answer is nil as the Isle of Wight NHS Trust do not have any emergency department beds within the organisation. Please note if an individual attends our Emergency Department they are not admitted as a patient, they are termed as an attendee so do not use beds. If the patient is then assessed and reviewed and a decision to admit is made within the 4 hour target, they would be then admitted to a bed on a subsequent ward such as Medical Assessment Unit, rather than within our Emergency Department.

4. Please list any Accident and Emergency wards or units that have been permanently closed since April 2010. Please state how many A&E beds they included at point of closure.

Response: Nil

5. Please provide the business case or management report/review underpinning each closure listed in response to question 4

Response: Not applicable

6. Please list any Accident and Emergency wards or units that have been permanently opened since April 2010. Please state how many A&E beds they include.

In this request, Accident and Emergency beds, wards and units are those whose primary usage is for Accident and Emergency cases.

Response: Nil

Upfront charging of non-residents

7. What is the Trust's policy on treating overseas patients who are eligible to be charged upfront for care but are not able or willing to pay upfront?

Response: The Isle of Wight NHS Trust does not hold this information, but follows national guidance that is available on the Department of Health website. The link is attached:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/496951/Overseas_visitor_hospital_charging_accs.pdf

8. What is the Trust's policy on upfront charging for overseas patients where it is not possible to establish the cost of care upfront?

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9. What is the Trust's policy towards clinical staff who refuse to enforce upfront payment?

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10. What is the Trust's policy on identifying which patients need to be asked for proof of residency in relation to upfront charging, and what form does that proof take?

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Please note that this response does not constitute as consent for direct marketing.

A copy of this response will be published on the Trust website.

We would like to bring to your attention the unique status of the Isle of Wight NHS Trust which serves a resident population of 140,000 with a substantial influx of tourists during the summer months. The Trust provides acute, ambulance, community, maternity, mental health services on the Isle of Wight. As the only fully integrated service provider in England with this unique range of services, comparisons with other service providers are not always straightforward.

This letter also confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request will be held on a database by the Trust. All hard copy correspondence relating to this request will be held for one year from the date of this letter, before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are unhappy about the response you have received your first line of action should be to write and request the Trust to undertake an internal review of your application. A senior member of staff, who was not involved with your initial application, will undertake this review. If after this process you are still not satisfied with the response you receive from the Trust you can complain to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully

Freedom of Information Team

