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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Red and black alerts for 2013-2016.

For the following financial years 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 to date

How many black alerts have been issued by your trust?

How many red alerts have been issued by your trust?

Each site across the Trust has a bed state which is reviewed four times a day and can fluctuate several times in a day depending on activity. We might have Tunbridge Wells Hospital in red state but Maidstone Hospital in amber bed state at the same time which would change four hours later. It's a very dynamic process managed from our 24 hr control rooms on each site with careful plans to manage capacity. This information is not held electronically.

The data for the previous years is not held electronically and the Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.