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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 'Mothballed' wards.

You asked:

1. *As of 1 September 2017, how many 'mothballed' wards existed across your hospital site? Please state the duration that each ward was 'mothballed'.*
  - a. *How many beds were there across your 'mothballed' ward/s?*
  - b. *What is the longest duration that any single bed was in a 'mothballed' ward?*
  
2. *As of 1 September 2016, how many 'mothballed' wards existed across your hospital site? Please state the duration that each ward was 'mothballed'.*
  - a. *How many beds were there across your 'mothballed' ward/s?*
  - b. *What is the longest duration that any single bed was in a 'mothballed' ward?*
  
3. *As of 1 September 2015, how many 'mothballed' wards existed across your hospital site? Please state the duration that each ward was 'mothballed'.*
  - a. *How many beds were there across your 'mothballed' ward/s?*
  - b. *What is the longest duration that any single bed was in a 'mothballed' ward?*

4. *As of 1 September 2014, how many 'mothballed' wards existed across your hospital site? Please state the duration that each ward was 'mothballed'.*
  - a. *How many beds were there across your 'mothballed' ward/s?*
  - b. *What is the longest duration that any single bed was in a 'mothballed' ward?*
  
5. *As of 1 September 2013, how many 'mothballed' wards existed across your hospital site? Please state the duration that each ward was 'mothballed'.*
  - a. *How many beds were there across your 'mothballed' ward/s?*
  - b. *What is the longest duration that any single bed was in a 'mothballed' ward?*

The Trust response:

Q1 – 5. The Trust does not have any 'mothballed' wards.

On the Maidstone Hospital site we have a deep cleaning rota where one ward is used to move in to when a ward is being deep cleaned. This is not decommissioned but is available to be used as part of the deep clean rota. In addition, these beds are also available to escalate into as necessary. This is currently Cornwallis ward which has 19 available beds.

This practice does not occur on the Tunbridge Wells Hospital site as they are all single rooms, so the deep cleaning can take place naturally when a patient is discharged from a room/bed.