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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 Black Alerts.

You asked:

How many days were your trust hospitals under black alert for the years of 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 (up to most recent records)? If data is held, please state which hospitals were affected and how long each hospital was affected?

Trust response:

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. The Trust might have Tunbridge Wells Hospital (TWH) in red state but Maidstone Hospital (MGH) 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. The information for this is not held electronically.