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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 Theatre data, Theatre Utilisation and Theatre capacity.

You asked:

Please note the questionnaire refers only to elective care.

- 1. How many elective Theatres do you currently have in your Trust?*
- 2. How many Recovery beds do you have for elective surgery currently in your Trust?*
- 3. How many chairs/trolleys are available for adults/children for day case procedures*
- 4. How many beds are available for adults/children for elective inpatient procedures?*
- 5. Do you have separate enhanced recovery areas for elective procedures?*
- 6. For your Theatre Utilisation metric which is reported nationally, do you use capped touchtime utilisation (The total intercase downtime (minutes) / (Count of Cases - Count of Lists*) or uncapped touch time utilisation (Total Touchtime / Planned Duration) * 100. The [End Time] is automatically truncated, if the time extends past the [Session Planned End Time]? If not, please specify your definition.*
- 7. Do you include cancellation on the day in your Theatre Utilisation metric?*
- 8. Which activity do you exclude for the Theatre Utilisation metric for the national data sent to NHS England? (i.e. CEPOD, trauma, chronic pain)*
- 9. What are the Key Performance Indicator targets which your Trust currently reviews performance against for the below metrics? E.g. Theatre Utilisation KPI target – 85% considered best practice*
- 10. What are your AM, PM and ALL Day Planned Session Start and End Times on your Theatre templates?*
- 11. What time are your briefings prior to the Theatre lists starting?*

12. Do your Pain Management lists have a different planned session start and end time to other specialty Theatre sessions? If so, what are they?

13. Do you currently have a grace period for Late Starting Lists? (e.g. Planned session start time is 08:30, but late start not considered as 08:45 into anaesthetist room). If so, how long is this grace period?

14. Do you currently have a grace period for Late Finishing Lists? (e.g. Planned session end time is 16:30, but late finish not considered as 16:45). If so, how long is this grace period?

15. Are your pain management lists included in the Theatre Utilisation metric?

16. Are your elective orthopaedic and trauma lists included in Theatre Utilisation metric?

17. What clinical system/s do you currently use in Theatres for scheduling lists?

18. If you would be happy to be contacted for further information, please put your contact details below.

Trust response:

1.

Main Theatre	Day Surgery
8	9

2.

Main Theatre	Day Surgery
9	13

3.

	Adults	Children
Chairs	<i>Used for both adults and children Dependant on operating day. Shared across hospital sites as needed</i>	
Trolleys	24	14

4.

Adults	Children
18 at Maidstone Hospital. There are additional beds available at Tunbridge Wells Hospital (TWH) which are single bed rooms and will swing as necessary between elective and non-elective	We do not have a set number and beds are used depending on demand

5. Currently being developed
6. Capped Touch time Utilisation - no
Uncapped Touch time Utilisation - no
7. No-it is however challenged at the performance meeting
8. We exclude endoscopy, brachytherapy & portcath procedures
- 9.

Metric	Target (KPI)
<i>Percentage of Late Starts (%):</i>	50%
<i>Average turnaround time (in mins)</i>	10 mins
<i>Capped Theatre Utilisation (%):</i>	_95__ %
<i>Uncapped Theatre Utilisation (%):</i>	_85__ %
<i>Cancellations on the Day (%):</i>	____ %
<i>Percentage of Early Finishes (%)</i>	20%
<i>Percentage of Early Finishes (%)</i>	____%

10.

Session	Planned session start time	Planned session end time
<i>AM</i>	0830	1230
<i>PM</i>	1330	1730
<i>ALL DAY</i>	0830	1730

11.

Session	Time of Briefing
<i>AM</i>	0815
<i>PM</i>	1315
<i>ALL DAY</i>	0815

12. No, AM lists only

13. 15 mins

14. No

15. Yes

16. Only if the trauma patients are sent home in between the initial attendance and their operation and are also booked on an elective list for the procedure.

17. Theatreman