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Freedom of information request

I am writing in response to your request for information which has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your questions and our response are below.

What happens if you get patients for ITU / ICU / HDU but they are full with other patients, what do you do?

We have a pathway/flow chart that we use to advise the staff. This would include looking at which patients in ICU/HDU would be well enough to move to a ward to create a bed. If no patient is well enough, we may look at using Recovery with additional appropriately qualified staffing, or alternatively we can look at transferring a patient to another appropriate facility in another hospital. This would be a Consultant decision and would involve looking at which patient would be the safest to transfer.