

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Dear Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust,

Please could you provide the following information;

- i. The name of each ward. e.g. Ward 2
- ii. The location of each ward. e.g. Bassetlaw Hospital
- iii. The speciality of each ward. e.g. Cardiology
- iv. The number of beds on each ward.

Some of the information you have requested is publicly available on the Trust's website.

Ward names and contact details can be found via the following link:

<https://www.dbth.nhs.uk/contact-ward-department/>

These pages list wards by hospital site (Doncaster Royal Infirmary, Bassetlaw Hospital and Montagu Hospital), from which ward names and locations can be identified.

Information not held in a reportable format

The Trust does not hold a single, centralised dataset that contains all of the requested information (ward name, location, specialty and number of beds) in a format that can be readily extracted.

In particular:

- Ward specialty is not consistently recorded in a structured format across all services;
- Bed numbers are not held as a single Trust-wide dataset by ward and may vary depending on operational pressures and service configuration;
- Bringing together all requested fields would require manual collation from multiple sources.

To provide a complete response would therefore require the Trust to undertake a manual review and compilation exercise across multiple clinical areas, which would exceed the appropriate cost limit set out under Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (18 hours).

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Accordingly, this information is exempt under Section 12.

Section 16 – Advice and Assistance

In line with our duty to provide advice and assistance, the Trust may be able to provide more limited information, for example:

- A list of wards by site; or
- Information relating to a specific ward or service area.

If you would like to refine your request on this basis, please let us know and we will be happy to assist.

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Requests for an internal review should be submitted within 40 working days from the date of this response, and should be addressed to d.wraith@nhs.net.

If you remain dissatisfied after the internal review, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113

Website: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>