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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4842**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 10th August 2021.

Your request was as follows:

Could you please answer the questions below and when responding provide plans and as much detail as possible where required to demonstrate preparedness for autumn / winter 2021/22 - 1st October 2021 to 28th Feb 2022.

1) Has the trust increased the total General and Acute bed capacity? Please provide the total number of available General and Acute beds across the trust. This must include all physical beds than can be open, funded by commissioners and occupied for admitting elective and non-elective patients across all sites within the trust.

a) as at March 2020

b) as at July 2021

c) How many beds can be funded and open between 1st October 2021 and 28th Feb 2022 to cope with any surges in non-elective patients?

[Please see attached.](#)

2) Has the trust increased the total ICU bed capacity? Please provide the total number of available ICU beds across the trust. This must include all physical ICU beds than can be open, funded by commissioners and occupied for admitting patients across all sites within the trust.

a) as at March 2020

b) as at July 2021

c) How many additional beds can be funded and open between 1st October 2021 and 28th Feb 2022 to cope with surges in non-elective patients?

[Please see attached.](#)

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Yours sincerely

*Mike Burns*

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