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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5185

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 20th May 2022.

Your request was as follows:

- 1. How many Adult Level three Critical Care beds do you currently have with an invasive ventilator?

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust currently has 15 beds which are capable of being level 3 beds if needed.

- 2. How many of these are currently staffed and therefore available for use (either vacant or occupied)?

The WCFT aims to have all of these beds staffed every day, the amount of staff available changes daily.

- 3. When considering relevant guidelines concerning these beds, how many have Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) monitoring available for Invasively ventilated patients?

All 15 WCFT beds have CO₂ monitoring available.

- 4. Thinking about the new (January 2022) NICE Guidelines concerning inhaled sedation, how many of your Level three beds have inhaled anaesthetic gas monitoring available?

The WCFT do not use inhaled anaesthetic gas on the unit.

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

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Yours sincerely

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