

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 20-045

14 February 2020

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

1. In November 2019, Northampton General Hospital Trust announced it was postponing 'some' non-urgent inpatient surgery procedures until the end of March 2020 to free up capacity for emergency care.
 - a. In November or December 2019, did your Trust also postpone non-urgent inpatient surgery procedures until March 2020 (or later)?

Yes, the Trust has implemented a plan called winter pacing to reduce the number of surgical procedures that we performed for four weeks from the end of December to late January 2019. The reduction in surgical procedures requiring inpatient beds were substituted with an increase in day case operations.
 - b. How many procedures were postponed?

The total number of inpatient procedures postponed in this period was 88, but they were compensated by an equivalent number of day cases.

2. In November 2019, NHS sources reportedly said that extra funding was being offered this winter to Trusts. Trusts were asked to put forward suggestions and make the case to NHS England for this supplementary money.
 - a. Did your Trust put forward a case to NHS England to receive extra funding for the winter period?

Yes, as part of a described system plan for winter with partners from Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG) health and social care organisations.
 - b. What quantity of funding did you ask for?

Rather than asking for an amount of funding, the Trust allocated a level of funding for the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) footprint, including mental health. Altogether this was approximately £2M across all providers in BNSSG.
 - c. What purpose did you propose for the funding?

To help expand our work with patients who frequently attend the adult Emergency Department and to pilot a model of primary care streaming over the winter.

d. What quantity of winter funding did you receive from NHS England?

The BNSSG Sustainability and Transformation Partnership area received approximately £2M to include mental health. From this the Trust received approximately £88,000 for the two schemes outlined above.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

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Yours sincerely

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