

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 08 August 2019.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

The number of ward closures over the last 3 years.

Using data from 2016 = 1 ward– Norovirus (adult). 2017 = 4 wards (adult) norovirus. 2018 = 6 wards – all adult, all Norovirus bar 1 bay within the 6 which was flu related.

Reasons for ward closure

predominantly norovirus – patients admitted with or becoming symptomatic at day 2 – no patient to patient spread identified.

Assessment on the impact of patient care due to ward closure

use of single rooms/cohort bays. Whole system approach from Day 1 of outbreak supports timely safe return to normal service. Supported by in-house hotel service team, 7 day IPCT support and open communication channels to staff, patients and public.

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom Of Information Co-Ordinator
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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