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**Request:**

1. The number of times you have had to refuse the admission of a patient because of a lack of appropriate inpatient beds available at your trust in 2015? Please answer by breaking numbers down to each month until September. E.g. Jan= 6, Feb= 19.
2. The number of times a patient (refused admission to your trust because of a lack of beds) was also refused admission to any trust in the UK because of a lack of appropriate inpatient beds in 2015? Please answer by breaking numbers down to each month until September. E.g. Jan= 6, Feb= 19.
3. The number of times you have had to refuse admission of a patient because of a lack of appropriate inpatient beds available at your trust in 2014 and 2013?
4. The number of times a patient (refused admission to your trust because of a lack of appropriate beds) was also refused admission to any trust in the UK because of a lack of beds in 2014 and 2013?

**Response:**

The bed manager has never refused a request for admission.

A local bed may not be available – however an Out of Area bed would be sought.

In the event of there not being an Out of Area bed available, either due to actual availability or the patient not being accepted, the case would be escalated to Locality management or if out of hours to the On-call Manager. In the rare cases where this has happened admissions have happened overnight to take wards over numbers but the risks have been deemed too high not to admit and it's been addressed the next day.

In the case of Older persons and CAMHS the wait for a bed may be longer than with Adult cases but this is due to the Out of Area bed process imposed by Private providers.