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### Request:

Please provide me with the number of (a) available and (b) occupied Level 2 adult critical care beds at your trust in May and December of each year from 2011 to 2014.

In answering, please describe the number of available and occupied Level 2 adult critical care beds as a monthly snapshot taken at midnight on the last Thursday of each month – that is, using the same snapshot as you use for describing total critical care beds for your returns to NHS England's Critical Care Bed Capacity statistics.

For reference, the guidance that NHS England provides on counting beds is below (note that this methodology is expressed here in terms of both Level 2 and Level 3 beds, whereas the question asked in this Freedom-of-Information request applies just to Level 2 beds): "Count all adult critical care (ITU, HDU or other) beds that are funded and available for critical care patients (Levels 2 and 3) at midnight on the last Thursday of the reporting period. Note that this should be the actual number of beds at that time and not the planned number of beds. Beds funded but not available due to staff vacancies should not be counted unless the vacancies have been filled by bank or agency staff. Beds that are not funded, but are occupied should be counted."

For reference, the definition of 'Level 2' given by NHS England is below: "Patients requiring more detailed observation or intervention including support for a single failing organ system or post operative care and those "stepping down" from higher levels of care. Also known as High Dependency."

### Response:

Thank you for your recent request under the Freedom of Information Act. I can confirm that Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust is a Secondary Mental Health Trust therefore, I do not believe that your request is relevant to this Trust.

