

Dear Sir/Madam

Request for Information

We are writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information you requested.

A copy of the information as of 30/07/2026 is below:

Please provide the following information, broken down by year, for 2020 through to 2026:

1. The total number of designated ED cubicle spaces within each ED operated by the trust.

2020	22 The Trust does not hold a recorded figure for the number of cubicles in the Red ED COVID area/Day Surgery Unit.
2021	22 The Trust does not hold a recorded figure for the number of cubicles in the Red ED COVID area/Day Surgery Unit.
2022	22
2023	36
2024	36
2025	36
2026 to date	48

2. A breakdown of these cubicle spaces by type/designation

Please note that the total figures provided in response to Question 1 relate to designated ED cubicle/bay spaces only. The breakdown provided in response to Question 2 includes cubicle spaces, bay spaces and chair spaces, which is why the totals may differ from the figures provided for Question 1.

2020	• Majors Cubicles 17 • Resus 4, 1 AGP (Aerosol Generating Procedure) • Minors 7 chair spaces • Fit to Sit 8 chair spaces • The Trust does not hold a recorded figure for the number of cubicles in the Red ED COVID area/Day Surgery Unit.
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2021	• Majors Cubicles 17 • Resus 4, 1 AGP • Minors 7 chair spaces • Fit to Sit 8 chair spaces • The Trust does not hold a recorded figure for the number of cubicles in the Red ED COVID area/Day Surgery Unit.
2022	• Majors Cubicles 17 • Resus 4, 1 AGP • Minors 7 chair spaces • Fit to Sit 8 chair spaces
2023	• Majors 17 • Escalation spaces 3 • Resus 4, AGP 1 • Assessment bays (yellow zone) 5 (September 2023) • Paediatrics 6 (September 2023) • Minors 7 chair spaces • Fit to Sit 8 chair spaces
2024	• Majors 17 • Escalation spaces 3 • Resus 4, AGP 1 • Assessment bays (yellow zone) 5 • Paediatrics 6 • Minors 7 chair spaces • Fit to Sit 8 chair spaces
2025	• Majors 17 • Escalation spaces 3 • Resus 4, AGP 1 • Assessment bays (yellow zone) 5 • Paediatrics 6 • Minors 3 chair spaces • Fit to Sit 8 chair spaces
2026 to date	• Majors 17 • Escalation spaces 3 • Resus 4, AGP 1

	• Assessment bays (yellow zone) 5 • Paediatrics 6 • Fit to Sit 8 chair spaces • March 2026 – New area Assessment bays (green zone) 12
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3. For 2026, please provide the number of designated ED spaces that are:

A. Permanently available for patient care

Majors 17 cubicles

Majors Escalation spaces 3

Resus 4, AGP 1

Ambulatory Assessment bays (yellow zone) 5

Paediatrics 6

Fit to Sit 8 chair spaces

March 2026 – New area Assessment bays (green zone) 12

B. Temporarily unavailable due to staffing, maintenance, infection control, or other reasons

In April 2026 1 cubicle at a time was out of action due to maintenance work in the yellow assessment area.

Between June and July 2026, 1 cubicle at a time was out of action due to maintenance work in our Majors area.

We do not hold a record of each occasion where a cubicle was closed due to infection control, as these closures are usually minimal and short term.

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Yours sincerely,

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