Torbay and South Devon
NHS Foundation Trust

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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 is below:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following for each inpatient ward or unit in your trust that admits patients under 18 (including paediatric, adolescent, teenage and young adult, paediatric high-dependency or intensive care, and children's mental health units). In this request, "sex" means biological sex.

As at 1 October 2026:

1. **The ward name, age range and number of funded beds.**
   Louisa Cary Ward: 0-18yrs: 19 beds, including 2 High Dependency Unit (HDU) beds.

2. **The number of single rooms (with or without en-suite).**
   12

3. **The number of multi-bed bays, and the number of beds in each bay.**
   2 bays with 3 beds in each bay
   1 bay with 6 beds
   HDU 2 beds

4. **Whether the toilets and bathrooms serving the ward are single-sex.**
   Not single sex

5. **Whether bays are allocated by sex and, if so, from what age.**
   3 bed bays are allocated by sex as young person bays (12 years upwards)

6. **Any policy or procedure on sex-based allocation of beds, bathrooms or toilets for patients under 18.**

When ward capacity allows, the two three-bed bays, each with a toilet and shower, are used as single-sex bays for young people over 12.

7. **Any document, minute or action plan recording changes planned or made following NHS England's 15 October 2026 guidance "Privacy, dignity and safety in hospital accommodation".**
   Consideration of biological sex and sexual orientation is already taken into account when allocating to bed space.

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team