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Thank you for your request concerning bed availability at Trusts within our footprint as part of the STP's planning.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

How many hospital beds have you found are available at trusts within your footprint as part of the STP's planning? In this context, 'available' should mean 'which are available for patients to have treatment or care', per the NHS England guidance for the KH03 bed availability and occupancy data collection. This should include overnight beds and day beds, and the number of beds by sector where possible (e.g. general and acute, maternity, mental illness & learning disability). This should be the latest available data (either quarter one or quarter two of 2017/18).

1. How many community beds are currently available within the footprint?

We do not hold data on hospital or community beds but this data will be available from the Individual Trusts¹.

2. What plans are there to increase or reduce the number of beds (community and hospital) available within the footprint by 2020/21? How many beds are projected to be available by then (and again, please provide this information by sector if possible).

The STP has no plans for reducing or increasing bed stock. These decisions will be between Local CCG commissioners and individual providers.

3. Please also send me any reviews, consultations, impact assessments carried out regarding the increase/decrease in the number of beds, and any evidence or clinical engagement that has been gathered or carried out to support both the assessment and the plan.

No reviews or consultations have been undertaken by the STP. Individual organisations may have completed some however this question would need to be addressed to them.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

¹ Section 1(1) Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled
(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request,
and
(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

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Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

