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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013230- Adults treated on childrens ward

Under the Freedom of Information Act I would like to request the following information in regards to special measures taken when the hospital is at high capacity and experiencing bed shortages.

1. Do you have any strategy or informal policy that allows adults to be treated in beds/wards that are usually used for paediatric care to help with overcrowding? - No
2. What is that wording of that strategy? - N/A
3. When as it first drawn up? - N/A
4. How many times since January 2016 year has this been implemented? If applicable, how many times was it implemented between Jan 2015 and Jan 2016. - N/A
5. How many individual adult patients since January 2016 have been treated on child wards/bed -with dates if possible. And the same figure Jan 2015-16. - None
6. Were there any occasions when adults and children were treated on the same ward - None
7. How many times has the hospital been on a) black alert and b) red alert for capacity since January 2016. How many times was it put on a and b from January 2015 - 2016.

Dudley Group does not use the terms red or black alert which some other Trusts use.  
The Trust has been on an EMS (Escalation Management System) level 4 X 18 times in 2016 and 4 times in January 2017. Level 4 is the highest escalation and show that there is sustained pressure in the Trust affecting patient flow, but this does not close the hospital or divert cases to other hospitals without agreement