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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013707 – Winter plan

Q1. How many extra beds will the trust need this winter to meet demand? How does this differ to the numbers for the previous winter (2016-17)? The Trust will have a contingency ward ready to open for winter 2017/2018 which will provide 17 additional beds. These areas were in use last winter.

Q2. How many extra staff will you take on to meet extra demand on services this winter? How does this compare to last year?

This answer relates to the General Medical on-call only (does not include A&E)

We will be employing one extra junior doctor (SHO grade) on the night shifts between 25th December 2017 and 14th January 2018. Last year we had one extra SHO and one extra registrar. We are employing less additional staff because since September 2017, we increased the night shift medical staffing by two additional junior doctors (one SHO and one registrar). This means that during the period of 26th December - 14th January we will have three more junior doctors on night shifts than we had during the same period last year. There will be one additional consultant weekday evening between 27th December 2017 and 12 January 2018 inclusive and one additional consultant all day weekends and bank holiday (26th, 30th, 31st December 2017 6th, 7th, 13th, 14th January 2018)

Q3. How much will your winter plan cost to implement this year? How does this compare to 2016-17?

The Trust has in place a number of schemes which run throughout the year which contribute to the winter plan. In addition a number of other initiatives have been planned for this winter period. The costs for both the ongoing schemes and the additional initiatives across the period October to March 2018 is £1.1m. Over the same period last year the Trust spent a similar amount £1.1m.

Q4. Please include a link/attachment of your 2017-18 winter plan.

Winter Plan is in the September board papers and winter plan information starts on page 106 - <http://dudleygroup.nhs.uk/about-s/board-of-directors/board-meetings/>

Q5. How many delayed transfer of care days did you have in August 2017 (the latest available). What is your delayed transfer rate (%)? August 2017 DTOC figures were 54 patients/ 1340 delayed days/ 750 reimbursable

How does this compare to the numbers in winter 2016-17 please? December 2016 DTOC figures were 36 patients / 1322 delayed days / 717 reimbursable

What is your monthly target in numbers and rate for winter 2017-18?

The local authority have a 3.5% target for DTOCs for Winter.

INFLUENZA PANDEMIC PLAN

Q8. Have you made any changes or updates to your influenza pandemic plan this year? If so, please include a link/attachment to this.

The Trust has taken the following actions relating to pandemic flu planning:-

1/ Public Health, Dudley Group and the CCG have produced a collaborative agreement to support each other should we be affected by a flu outbreak in Dudley.

2/ The following guidelines have been updated to include the Dudley Cooperation agreement - Infection control precautions necessary in a pandemic flu situation

3/ The Trust facilitated a multi-agency table top exercise for preparedness for winter, some of the scenarios included planning for increased staff sickness due to flu.

4/ The Trust facilitated a multi-agency pandemic flu workshop which is being used to update the Trust pandemic flu plan.