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RE: Freedom of Information Request 201718 / 106 – Bed Shortages

Your Query Date of Request June 2017

I would like to know how many 'code blacks' have been called in hospitals within your health board because of bed shortages over the last three years? By this, I mean occurrences where a 'code black' has been issued because there are no more bed spaces left in a hospital ward.

Can you tell me:

- The name of the hospital
- The name of the ward
- The date the 'code black' occurred
- How long the 'code black' situation lasted for in each case
- Why there was a 'code black' (only applicable if there are unusual reasons behind it).
- What was done to resolve the 'code black' situation

Response

Please be advised that NHS Orkney is a small remote and rural health board which operates one hospital – the Balfour Hospital.

There are zero recorded instances of 'code blacks' within the Balfour Hospital over the last three years.





