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Dear Mal Makamane,

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 45446 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

NHS Infrastructure; Hospital Repairs, Backlog, and Investments (2019-2024)

Waiting Times, Bed/Admission Capacity, Maternity Units, and Mortuary Space (2019-2024)

Your request is set out below:

1. Building Age and Infrastructure Risks -Estates

1.1 For each year from 2019 to 2024, how many hospital buildings under your Trust were identified as being in urgent need of repair due to their age? Please also include the age of each building.

2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
0	0	0	0	0

1.2 For each hospital building under your Trust, what specific infrastructure risks were identified (e.g., structural deficiencies, malfunctioning equipment, fire safety hazards, etc.)?

2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
0	0	0	0	0

1.3 How much funding has been allocated for the maintenance and repair of ageing hospital buildings under your Trust over the past five years?

We are unable to provide a response to this question as the Trust do not record nor report on this data.

2. Annual Backlog of Repairs in NHS Hospitals - Estates

2.1 Please provide the total cost of the backlog of repairs for hospitals buildings under your Trust, broken down by year for the period 2019 to 2024.

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Chief Executive – Sheila Stenson

2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
14,811,923	15,482,203	16,245,338	16,443,798	14,968,247

2.2 Could you also break down these costs into the following risk categories, for each year:

- **High Risk and Critical Repairs:** What is the estimated cost to eradicate high-risk backlog maintenance in hospital buildings under your Trust from 2019 to 2024?
- **Moderate and Low Risk Repairs:** What is the estimated cost to eradicate non-critical repairs in hospital buildings under your Trust for the same period?

	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
High Risk & Critical Repairs	7,900,442	2,406,712	2,839,509	2,776,233	1,310,682
Moderate & Low Risk Repairs	6,911,481	13,075,491	13,585,829	13,657,565	13,657,565

3. Major Infrastructure Failures - Estates

3.1 From 2019 to 2024, have there been any significant failures in hospital infrastructure within your Trust, such as structural problems, mechanical breakdowns, fires, etc., related to repair backlogs? Please provide details for each occurrence, including:

- The type of failure (e.g., structural issues, mechanical breakdowns, fires, etc.).
- The date the failure occurred.

2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
0	0	0	0	0

1. Trolley Waits and Corridor Waits

1.1 Could you provide the number of patients who faced "trolley waits" or "corridor waits" due to infrastructure issues in hospitals within your Trust for each year from 2019 to 2024? Please include the numbers for:

- Waits over 4 hours.
- Waits over 12 hours.
- Waits over 24 hours.

1.2 Please provide the average waiting time for these patients each year.

The Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust are unable to provide a response to the above as patients are only admitted when a bed is located for them. Whilst awaiting a bed, patients are cared for within designated places of safety.

2. Admission Capacity and Bed Availability

2.1 For each year from 2019 to 2024, what was the average bed occupancy rate across hospitals under your Trust?

- How many days, if any, did hospitals under your Trust reach full bed capacity (100% occupancy) each year?

There were no days when there was 100% occupancy.

- How many beds were available for admissions in hospitals under your Trust at the end of each year (2019-2024)? Where possible, please break this down by general beds, ICU beds, and A&E beds.

Year	Date	Available Beds	Occupied Beds	Occupied Percentage	Non-Occupied Beds
2019/2020	20200331	438	379	86.5%	59
2020/2021	20210331	421	377	89.5%	44
2021/2022	20220331	433	384	88.7%	49
2022/2023	20230331	443	391	88.3%	52
2023/2024	20240331	446	411	92.2%	35

- How many beds were added or removed from hospitals under your Trust during this period?

Please see the attached spreadsheet providing the data requested for the period data 2019 – 2024.

3. Waiting Times for Hospital Treatment

3.1 For each year from 2019 to 2024, what was the total number of patients on waiting lists for hospital treatment, attributed to infrastructure failure in hospitals under your Trust?

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3.2 Of these patients, how many waited longer than:

- 18 weeks (NHS target time for non-urgent referrals)?
- 26 weeks?
- 52 weeks?

N/A

3.3 Could you provide the average waiting time for elective surgery or hospital treatment for each year from 2019 to 2024, attributed to infrastructure failure in hospitals under your Trust?

N/A

4. Mortality Due to Delays in Urgent Care

4.1 For each year from 2019 to 2024, how many deaths were reported in hospitals within your Trust where delays in receiving urgent or emergency care, due to infrastructure failures, were identified as contributing factors?

The Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust are not provisioned to provide urgent care, this is provided by the Acute Trusts across the Kent and Medway area.

5. Maternity Unit Safety and Condition

5.1 Could you provide the number of maternity units within your Trust that were considered unsafe or needed urgent repairs each year from 2019 to 2024?

The Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust are not provisioned to provide maternity care, this is provided by the Acute Trusts across the Kent and Medway area.

6. Mortuary Space and Storage Challenges

6.1 For each year from 2019 to 2024, could you provide the number of instances where mortuary storage capacity in hospitals under your Trust was exceeded?

The Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust do not have any mortuaries at any of our Trust sites.

6.2 For each year from 2019 to 2024, how many bodies were reported to have been left in inadequate storage conditions due to insufficient freezer space or other mortuary capacity issues in hospitals under your Trust?

N/A

6.3 What is the current storage capacity for bodies in the mortuaries of hospitals under your Trust? (number of spaces available for body storage)?

N/A

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

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Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of
The Information Governance Department