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### **Freedom of Information request**

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 17/11/2021. Please see responses to your requests below.

**We are undertaking a review of hospitals within the UK to see if superstition plays any role in the numbering of bed spaces or wards; focusing on the number 13. We would like to know the following:**

**1. Do any of the hospitals within your trust have numbered wards? If so, which?**

The Trust uses lettering for the floors and numbering for the wards for example D1,D2,D3,D4.

**Of these hospitals, do any have a ward numbered 13? If so, which?**

The Trust does not have any wards numbered 13.

**Additionally, these hospitals with numbered wards, are there wards numbered 12 and 14? (i.e. suggesting the intentional omission of a ward 13) If so, which hospitals?**

The Trust's ward numbering system does not go above eight.

**2. Do the wards in your hospitals have numbered bed spaces? If so, which?**

The Trust's bed spaces do use numbers.

**Of these hospitals, do any of the wards have a bed space 13? If so, which?**

All the wards have bed space 13.

**Additionally, these hospital wards with numbered bed spaces, are there bed spaces numbered 12 and 14? (i.e. suggesting the intentional omission of a bed space 13) If so, which hospitals?**

The Trust's wards do have bed spaces 12 and 14. We do not omit the number 13.

Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on [Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk](mailto:Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk) or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information, please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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