

Freedom of Information Act Disclosure log - Reply Extract

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You asked

On 17 May Derriford Hospital (University Hospitals Plymouth Trust) declared a Critical Incident. This Incident was not related to Covid-19.

Under the FOI Act I would like you to provide answers to these questions:

1. Why was the Critical Incident declared?

Over the preceding week the Trust had seen a significant and rapid rise in the number of patients attending the hospital and requiring admission for urgent medical and surgical care. These were unrelated to Covid-19, although we had seen an increase in flow through the covid testing pathway over the weekend.

To recover flow and patient pathways we declared OPEL 4/Internal Critical Incident.

This meant that for the next 48-72 hours we took a number of actions to improve the discharge of our patients, particularly from medical wards. This was needed to ensure we are able to admit both our emergency and elective surgery patients.

2. What surgical procedures were carried out as a result?

All day case procedures went ahead as planned as did a range of other urgent surgery procedures.

3. How many additional patients needed treatment?

No additional patients needed treatment.

4. Has the Critical Incident now ended?

Yes

Attachments included: No



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