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REQUEST

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your NHS Trust. This FOI is about the number of Changing Places in your hospital. If you are unaware of what a Changing Place is I've included a summary below and a link you may find useful.

Changing Places toilets have adult changing bench and hoist facilities as well as extra space for carers. This provides a safe toileting environment for physically disabled people who are non-ambulant, as well as for those with learning disabilities who may need carer support. The equipment provided also ensures that manual moving and handling techniques are minimised for any carers involved.

Over 250,000 severely disabled people, including those with profound and multiple learning disabilities in the UK, cannot use standard accessible toilets.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/changing-places-toilets-in-nhs-hospitals-apply-for-funding>

Please can you answer the following questions:

1. What is the name of your NHS trust?
2. Please can you name all of the NHS hospitals that come under your trust.
3. Please can you outline how many of the hospitals in Q2 have Changing Places toilets. Please break this down by the name of the hospital and how many Changing Places facilities are in that hospital.
4. Of the hospitals in Q3 that have Changing Places, please can you tell me where the facility is located in the hospital. e.g Department/Floor
5. Please can you tell me if your NHS Trust has applied for funding to install Changing Places facilities within your NHS hospitals. If known please provide information on which hospitals you plan to install them in.

RESPONSE

1. What is the name of your NHS trust?

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

2. Please can you name all of the NHS hospitals that come under your trust.

Whiston, St Helens and Newton Community

3. Please can you outline how many of the hospitals in Q2 have Changing Places toilets. Please break this down by the name of the hospital and how many Changing Places facilities are in that hospital.

The Trust has a Changing Places facilities on the Whiston site. At this point in time a hoist facility is not available however we are currently reviewing the provision of the hoist.

4. Of the hospitals in Q3 that have Changing Places, please can you tell me where the facility is located in the hospital. e.g Department/Floor

The room is located on the ground floor.

5. Please can you tell me if your NHS Trust has applied for funding to install Changing Places facilities within your NHS hospitals. If known please provide information on which hospitals you plan to install them in.

The Trust has not applied for funding.