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## REQUEST & RESPONSE

As part of their winter planning, Worcestershire Acute Trust has identified that [200 extra beds will be needed](#) this winter to avoid excessively high occupancy rates. I would therefore like to know:

- a) Has the trust made any assessment of how many extra beds it will need to cope with demand this winter (and if so, how many)

Yes - a capacity and demand exercise has been undertaken. We estimate we need circa 40 additional community beds this winter.

- b) Will the trust be increasing its bed stock as appropriate to meet the increased level of demand

Yes – we will be increasing the community bed stock by circa 40 beds over the winter months. We have worked closely with our local Commissioners and Local Authority colleagues to commission additional bed capacity to support the whole health economy.

- c) If so, has this been costed (please include financial estimates where possible/relevant)

Additional bed capacity is being directly commissioned by the CCGs across a number of care homes. Additional beds that are created within the acute setting will be funded on a cost per case basis using the existing payment structures