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Dear Requester,

**FOI 1372**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which was received within the Trust.  
Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

1. How many Adult Level three Critical Care beds do you currently have with an invasive ventilator?  
**12 for Bedford and 16 for Luton - this covers physical bed spaces and equipment.**
2. How many of these are currently staffed and therefore available for use (either vacant or occupied)?  
**10 critical care beds are staffed - 6 level 3s and 2 level 2s for Bedford. For Luton, 12 staffed beds in total - 7 level 3s and 5 level 2**
3. When considering relevant guidelines concerning these beds, how many have Carbon Dioxide (CO2) monitoring available for invasively ventilated patients?  
**16 for Luton and 12 for Bedford (all critical care beds).**
4. Thinking about the new (January 2022) NICE Guidelines concerning inhaled sedation, how many of your Level three beds have inhaled anaesthetic gas monitoring available?  
**None on either site.**

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Yours sincerely,

*FOI Officer*

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