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Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

* Since the start of 2021-22, has your trust enacted a ‘continuous pre-emptive flow’ model for A&E patients? Either based on or similar to the North Bristol model of care (which is described here - [https://www.hsj.co.uk/quality-and-performance/controversial-aande-policy-showed-were-all-shouldering-the-pain-says-ceo/7035885.article](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.hsj.co.uk%2Fquality-and-performance%2Fcontroversial-aande-policy-showed-were-all-shouldering-the-pain-says-ceo%2F7035885.article&data=05%7C02%7Cfoi%40bedsft.nhs.uk%7C95d1f7be5fcf4634f4b808dca742f9fa%7Cdf0afa8ccc644de79f9507adaa9f22af%7C0%7C0%7C638569153302019223%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=5jPiZmeHLC%2BAA1Dao%2FSpFaAedNtWQBlDEGGDJWYuKyc%3D&reserved=0))

No

* If so, please describe how the ‘continuous flow’ model works at your trust – detailing whether this applies just to your Type 1 emergency departments, or your Type 3 departments as well.

N/A

* In which month and year was this first enacted?

N/A

* Is the model still in use now? If not, why not?

N/A

* If not, do you have plans to enact such a model in the next six months?

No

* If you’re not planning to introduce this model, please could you explain why?

This would require regular boarding on wards to create flow in ED. As this potentially is a patient safety and experience risk due to the physical constraints of our inpatient wards which have very narrow circulation spaces, this is not the way in which we manage flow.

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 Yours sincerely,

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