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The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust Response to Information request

Date Request Received: 9th September 2025

FOI Ref 30222

Requested Information:

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Not all biopsy procedures are performed daily so the following data represents the number of biopsy requests the histology department received in August 2025.

Liver biopsies = 10

Lymph node biopsies = 12

Renal biopsies = 9

Gastrointestinal tract biopsies = 1093

Bladder biopsies = 13

Prostate biopsies = 47

Lung/Bronchial biopsies = 4

Thyroid = 2

2. The number of recovery bed spaces you have available per day for recovery of the above patients. **No beds are ringfenced for large organ biopsy patient.**

3. The area in which these patients are recovered i.e. does the interventional/radiology team have a dedicated recovery space for its day case patients or are they recovered in a main theatre recovery area.

Tower (services 5 theatres 1-5): 6 adult + 3 paediatric bays

Trelawney (services 4 theatres 6-9): 8 bays

Theatres 10 and 11 have separate recovery but do not have large organ biopsies in them: 3 bays

Newlyn (services 3 theatres 12 -14) (IR is theatre 14): 8 first stage, 12 second stage bays.

Attachment(s):

No Attachment(s)

Date Response sent: 06 October 2025