

INFORMATION REGARDING THE INTENSIVE THERAPY UNIT AND HIGH DEPENDANCY UNIT

There are 7 beds on ITU and 8 beds on HDU.

ITU provides care to 400 – 440 patients per year. If the department is full, ITU services are sought within the region. Requests for beds from other ITU's are not uncommon.

Patient's admission diagnoses are varied, from multi-organ failure to major trauma or post-operative management.

The ITU team believes strongly in the principles of patient focused care and work hard to achieve this. The Anaesthetic Directorate motto, "Humanity amidst Technology" sums up both the teams' approach to their work, and the perception of the recipients of their care.

HDU admit adult patients that have usually single organ failure, step down from ITU, epidural management, emergency medical and surgical admissions and elective surgical admissions for post-operative monitoring and pain management.

HDU provides care to 1000-1200 patients per year. The patients are admitted by and treated by different consultants and clinical specialists.

PATIENT GROUPS

Both units admit a wide variety of patients from emergencies to list admissions, these include: -

Medical Emergencies

Surgical emergencies

General Surgery

Obstetric emergencies

Chronic Pain

A wide range of medical conditions

Occasionally the Intensive care unit admits paediatric patients for resuscitation and stabilisation prior to transfer to a regional unit.