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Q This is FOI request, please tell me what happens if you get patients for ITU / ICU / HDU but they are full with other patients, what do you do?

A The Unit is managed by a Critical care Matron with Escalation process to the Critical Care Unit Manager.

Admission to Critical Care are usually planned i.e. listed cases from theatre, but we do have unplanned admissions such as external referral or a deteriorating patient from the ward. All admissions have to be accepted by the Intensivist on duty or on call. If the unit was at capacity and further elective cases were at risk then this would be escalated as per patient Flow and Bed Capacity policy. Please see find attached:

‘Admissions and Discharges for CCU Policy’  
‘Patient Flow and Bed Capacity Escalation Policy’