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Subject: Numbering of hospital wards and hospital beds

We are undertaking a review of hospitals within the UK to see if superstition plays any role in the numbering of bed spaces or wards; focusing on the number 13. We would like to know the following:

- Q1 Do any of the hospitals within your trust have numbered wards? If so, which?
- a. Of these hospitals, do any have a ward numbered 13? If so, which?
 - b. Additionally, these hospitals with numbered wards, are there wards numbered 12 and 14? (i.e. suggesting the intentional omission of a ward 13) If so, which hospitals?
- A1 No, our wards have names instead of numbers. For more information, please see our website: <https://www.lhch.nhs.uk/our-patients/wards-departments/>
- a. Not applicable
 - b. Not applicable
- Q2 Do the wards in your hospitals have numbered bed spaces? If so, which?
- a. Of these hospitals, do any of the wards have a bed space 13? If so, which?
 - b. Additionally, these hospital wards with numbered bed spaces, are there bed spaces numbered 12 and 14? (i.e. suggesting the intentional omission of a bed space 13) If so, which hospitals?
- A2 Yes. Please note, Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital NHS Foundation Trust only has one hospital; the Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital.
- a. No, the Trust does not have the bed space number 13 on any ward.
 - b. Yes, there are bed spaces numbered 12 and 14.