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Q1 For each year from 2019 to 2024, how many hospital buildings under your Trust were identified as being in urgent need of repair due to their age? Please also include the age of each building.

A1 One building.
Age: 121 years

Q2 For each hospital building under your Trust, what specific infrastructure risks were identified (e.g., structural deficiencies, malfunctioning equipment, fire safety hazards, etc.)?

A2 Structural deficiencies, malfunctioning equipment.

Q3 How much funding has been allocated for the maintenance and repair of ageing hospital buildings under your Trust over the past five years?

A3 £5,004,026.00

Q4 Please provide the total cost of the backlog of repairs for hospitals buildings under your Trust, broken down by year for the period 2019 to 2024.

A4

2023/2024	£442,275.00
2022/2023	£1,844,130.00
2021/2022	£47,604.00
2020/2021	£863,828.00
2019/2020	£1,806,189.00

Q5 Could you also break down these costs into the following risk categories, for each year:

- a. High Risk and Critical Repairs: What is the estimated cost to eradicate high-risk backlog maintenance in hospital buildings under your Trust from 2019 to 2024?
- b. Moderate and Low Risk Repairs: What is the estimated cost to eradicate non-critical repairs in hospital buildings under your Trust for the same period?

A5 a. £5,004,026.00
b. £0

Q6 From 2019 to 2024, have there been any significant failures in hospital infrastructure within your Trust, such as structural problems, mechanical breakdowns, fires, etc., related to repair backlogs? Please provide details for each occurrence, including:

- a. The type of failure (e.g., structural issues, mechanical breakdowns, fires, etc.).
- b. The date the failure occurred.

A6 Information not held – the Trust does not routinely collate or hold this information centrally as part of its management or performance data.

Q7 Could you provide the number of patients who faced "trolley waits" or "corridor waits" due to infrastructure issues in hospitals within your Trust for each year from 2019 to 2024? Please include the numbers for:

- a. Waits over 4 hours.
- b. Waits over 12 hours.
- c. Waits over 24 hours.

A7 Information not held – the Trust does not routinely collate or hold this information centrally as part of its management or performance data.

Q8 Please provide the average waiting time for these patients each year.

A8 Information not held – as per A7

Q9 For each year from 2019 to 2024, what was the average bed occupancy rate across hospitals under your Trust?

- a. How many days, if any, did hospitals under your Trust reach full bed capacity (100% occupancy) each year?
- b. How many beds were available for admissions in hospitals under your Trust at the end of each year (2019-2024)? Where possible, please break this down by general beds, ICU beds, and A&E beds.
- c. How many beds were added or removed from hospitals under your Trust during this period?

A9

Year	Avg Bed Occupancy %
2019	80.92
2020	72.56
2021	80.76
2022	80.16
2023	78.14
2024	81.57

a. Zero for all years

b.

Year	Critical Care	Other
2019	11	24
2020	8	60
2021	22	40
2022	16	60
2023	20	64

Please note: Beds available as of 31st December of each year

c. Information not held – the Trust does not routinely collate or hold this information centrally as part of its management or performance data.

Q10 For each year from 2019 to 2024, what was the total number of patients on waiting lists for hospital treatment, attributed to infrastructure failure in hospitals under your Trust?

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Q11 Of these patients, how many waited longer than:

- a. 18 weeks (NHS target time for non-urgent referrals)?
- b. 26 weeks?
- c. 52 weeks?

A11 Information not held – as per A10

Q12 Could you provide the average waiting time for elective surgery or hospital treatment for each year from 2019 to 2024, attributed to infrastructure failure in hospitals under your Trust?

A12 Information not held – the Trust does not routinely collate or hold this information centrally as part of its management or performance data.

Q13 For each year from 2019 to 2024, how many deaths were reported in hospitals within your Trust where delays in receiving urgent or emergency care, due to infrastructure failures, were identified as contributing factors?

A13 Information not held – the Trust does not routinely collate or hold this information centrally as part of its management or performance data.

Q14 Could you provide the number of maternity units within your Trust that were considered unsafe or needed urgent repairs each year from 2019 to 2024?

A14 Information is not held in relation to any of the above questions. Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital NHS Foundation Trust is a specialist cardiothoracic centre and therefore does not have a maternity ward or provide any maternity related services.

Q15 For each year from 2019 to 2024, could you provide the number of instances where mortuary storage capacity in hospitals under your Trust was exceeded?

A15 Information not held – mortuary services for the Trust are provided by the Liverpool University Hospitals. Please contact them directly at FOIRequests@liverpoolft.nhs.uk

Q16 For each year from 2019 to 2024, how many bodies were reported to have been left in inadequate storage conditions due to insufficient freezer space or other mortuary capacity issues in hospitals under your Trust?

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Q17 What is the current storage capacity for bodies in the mortuaries of hospitals under your Trust? (number of spaces available for body storage)?

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