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## **Nightingale Hospital beds and costs**

**1. How many Nightingale hospitals were opened in response to the COVID-19 pandemic?**

One. Nightingale Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at Belfast City Hospital (BCH).

**2. How many beds were allocated to each location to accommodate COVID-19 patients?**

In the Nightingale Hospital BCH there were 24 ICU beds in level 2, 24 ICU beds in level 3 and 12 step down beds from ICU in Level 8.

**3. How many beds were occupied at any given time by Covid-19 patients at the Nightingale Hospitals?**

The maximum number of patients in the Nightingale ICU was 33 patients.

**4. How long were the Nightingale hospitals open and used for?**

Nightingale ICU at BCH provided Intensive care for patients with Covid19 and was in operation between the dates 1 April 2020 to 19 May 2020. The BCH ICU also operated for Covid patients during the period 13 October 2020 to 29 March 2021.

**5. How much money was used to finance the opening of these additional hospitals?**

The full cost, including overheads, of an ICU bed is £4k and High Dependency Unit bed is £2k. The Nightingale beds were opened by resource, in terms of funding and staff, transferring from elsewhere within the Trust with a downturn of core work.

**6. When NHS staff were making dancing videos for TikTok, complete with complex dance moves, who was treating the patients sick with COVID-19?**

Patients were cared for at all times by the appropriate clinical staff comprising, Medical, nursing and Allied Health professional staff.