

Ramada Step Down Facility

Belfast Trust will discharge the final patients from its Covid-19 step down facility by 5 June 2020. The Ramada Hotel was transformed by Healthcare Ireland to provide sufficient capacity to deliver the highest level of care to our patients recovering from coronavirus. This was part of our Contingency and Surge Plan to ensure that the Trust was in a position to meet the expected challenges associated with Covid-19.

The step-down facility cared for 56 patients since it opened on 6 April 2020 and at present has six patients in its care. Although we did not experience the anticipated surge in Covid-19 cases, the facility has proved instrumental in our response to the pandemic.

Now that the decision to vacate the premises has been taken, costs are being finalised with Healthcare Ireland to reflect costs up to the end of contract as well as any cost to reinstate the building.

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