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Dr Bryden added the statistics would be skewed by the creation of “surge ICU beds”, which are set up elsewhere in hospitals, rather than ICU, meaning patients there are not counted in the official figures.

There have been multiple anecdotal reports in recent weeks of patients who would normally be moved into intensive care being denied the treatment because of a lack of space. One doctor, writing anonymously for *Unherd*, said that on one shift three coronavirus patients in their 60s were all “deteriorating and destined for the ICU”, but there