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I am responding to your request for information received 8 February 2023 which you clarified on the same day. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response, which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



Keshia Harvey  
Information Governance Manager

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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SK9 5AF

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**Request:**

**Question 1:** For the 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial year (up to January 31), please would you tell me:

The **TOTAL** number of patients who discharged themselves from hospitals.

**Additionally, I wish this information to be broken down for EACH financial year and provided in a spreadsheet format.**

**Clarification: Voluntary/informal patients please**

**Answer:** Please find spreadsheet attached, appendix 1.

Please note, these figures include “Discharged against professional advice” and “Patient discharged him/herself or was discharged by a relative or advocate” as this is how it is recorded on the clinical system and it is not possible to split.



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