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I am responding to your request for information received 26 July 2023. I am sorry for the delay in responding to your request. 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,

Information Rights Coordinator

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:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Tel: 0303 123 1113
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Request: Please find below a freedom of information request related to the discharge of patients who may be homeless.

Should answering this FOI exceed the time limit, please prioritise Questions 1 and 2a.

Question 1: How many individuals have been discharged to 'no fixed abode' from hospitals within your trust?

Where possible please provide data both by individual medical department and as a whole (for the entire Trust).

Please provide data for each of the following financial years:

- 2022/2023 (or the latest financial year)
- 2017/2018

If you do not hold data on the number of individuals, please provide the number of discharges there have been to 'no fixed abode'.

Answer: Please see table below:

| Financial Year | Number of Discharges |
|----------------|----------------------|
| 2017/18 | 39 |
| 2022/23 | 62 |

Please note, being discharged to 'no fixed abode' has been defined as having an address of no fixed abode recorded on the clinical system at the time of discharge and having a discharge destination of 'temporary place of residence'.

The Trust does not have individual medical departments and has therefore provided whole Trust inpatient figures.

Question 2a: Of those individuals who were discharged to 'no fixed abode' (in Q1) how many were readmitted within six months?

Please provide data for each of the following financial years:

- 2022/2023 (or the latest financial year)
- 2017/2018

If you do not hold data on the number of individuals, please provide the number of readmissions.

Answer: Please see table below:

| Financial Year | Number of Readmissions |
|----------------|------------------------|
| 2017/18 | 7 |
| 2022/23 | 17 |

Question 2b: Of the individuals in Q2a, how many individuals were readmitted because of substance use issues?

Please provide data for each of the following financial years:

- 2022/2023 (or the latest financial year)
- 2017/2018

Answer: Please see table below:



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| Financial Year | Number of Readmissions |
|----------------|------------------------|
| 2017/18 | <5 |
| 2022/23 | 7 |

Please note: The information you have requested relates to less than five individuals and therefore has the potential for those individuals to be identified. Therefore, we cannot provide this information which could contravene the Data Protection Act 2018 / UK GDPR.

Question 3: Does your NHS Trust have guidance/policy in place that details how to support a patient who is being discharged from hospital to 'no fixed abode'?

Answer: Yes.



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