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I am responding to your request for information received 4 November 2025. 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

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Request:

Question 1: In Q1 of my original question, I was seeking to ask if the type of bed in the picture in the quoted Express article is still in use. I.e are beds with this type of headboard still in place. Grateful if you can clarify this point?

Answer: Yes, the beds shown in the article are still in use at Barnsley Street.

Question 2: Although the statutory requirement for a BLANKET ligature assessments only covers mental health inpatient services, i understand that the Health and Safety Act 2008 (Regulation 12, self care and treatment') places a legal duty on providers to assess and mitigate ALL RISKS to service users' health and safety. This will include the risk of self-harm by ligature if it is a relevant risk for the individual in their care.

Given that the facility offers support to patients with SMI, there appears to be a very question to be asked of you as a provider in respect of the beds at Barnsley St.

Can I therefore ask what assessment have you made to provide you with the assurance that beds of the currently type in place in Barnsley St will not provide a risk to the Health and Safety of current or future admitted patients, and thus satisfy the the requirements of the Health and Safety Act?

Answer: Barnsley Street is a community provision, equivalent to supported accommodation, and cannot be viewed in the same way as an inpatient facility. The beds remain at Barnsley Street and meet the requirements of our supported accommodation partner, Look Ahead. Many step-down services for people with severe mental illness (SMI) operate within community-based environments such as this and are subject to appropriate risk assessments.

Individualised safety assessments are carried out on each bed for each service user's stay at Barnsley Street, based on their individual needs.



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Original Request FOI DA6304: The Daily Express article (15-09-25) on the new Barnsley St Neighbourhood centre included a picture a guest bed as below. I have some question relating to the beds at Barnsley Street

Question 1: Are beds of the type in the Daily Express article of 15-09-25 still being used at Barnsley Street?

Answer: Barnsley Street Neighbourhood Mental Health Centre currently offers four hospitality beds. These beds are used as part of the service's safe haven model, providing short-term mental health support for individuals who may otherwise require admission to hospital.

Question 2: Has a ligature risk assessment been carried out on the beds at Barnsley Street?

In none has taken place, why is that?

If one has taken place, what was the finding?

Answer: No. This is not an inpatient mental health ward provision.

Question 3: Is Oxevision, or a similar optical monitoring system used, or planned to be used, at Barnsley Steet?

Answer: No.



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