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RE: Freedom of Information Request

6th February 2024

Dear Ms Bancroft

With reference to your request for information received on 26th July 2023, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

Q1. 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'.

Discharge Ward	2017/18	2022/23
31 Ward Surgery	1	1
32 Ward Surgery & Urology	1	0
Chatsworth Ward MCH	0	1
Clinic 8, Kings Treatment Centre	1	0
Critical Care Unit	1	0
Day Case Ward	2	1
Discharge Lounge	3	1
EAU Emergency Assessment Unit	7	0
Endoscopy Suite	0	1
Endoscopy Suite 1	5	0
Maternity Ward	1	0
SAU Surgical Assessment Ward	2	0
SDEC Same Day Emergency Care Unit (prev AECU)	6	5
Sherwood Birthing Unit	0	0
SSU-Short Stay Unit-36	6	3

Home, Community, Hospital.



Ward 11 AU-Assessment Unit	2	1
Ward 12	2	0
Ward 22	1	0
Ward 54	1	0

Q2a. 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.

Discharge Ward	2017/18	2022/23
31 Ward Surgery	0	1
32 Ward Surgery & Urology	1	0
Chatsworth Ward MCH	0	1
EAU Emergency Assessment Unit	1	0
SAU Surgical Assessment Ward	1	0
SSU-Short Stay Unit-36	3	1
Ward 22	1	0

Q2b. 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

Primary Diagnosis Code	2017/18	2022/23
Calculus of bile duct without cholangitis or cholecystitis	0	1
Encephalitis, myelitis and encephalomyelitis, unspecified	0	1
Idiopathic gout, unspecified site	0	1
Inflammatory disorders of scrotum	1	0
Mental and behavioural disorders due to psychoactive substance use with Acute Intoxication	1	0
Mental and behavioural disorders due to psychoactive substance use with withdrawal state	2	0
poisoning by antiepileptic, sedative-hypnotic and antiparkinsonism drugs - Benzodiazepines	1	0
Other specified disorders of male genital organs	1	0
Phlebitis and thrombophlebitis of other deep vessels of lower extremities	1	0

Q3.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'?

Section 21 exempts information that is reasonably accessible to you by other means. The information you require is available here: https://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/media/2bkdrjdt/discharge-policy.pdf

I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the

date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/.

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Yours faithfully

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