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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Delayed discharges.

1. Between 1.2.16 and 31.1.17 how many times have you written to a patient, or the family members of a patient, or the legal guardians of a patient, stating that in the Trust's view they are fit for discharge and should vacate their hospital bed? For each occurrence please state how many days they had occupied a hospital day for while considered fit for discharge prior to the date of the letter being sent to them or their representatives? For the most recent occasion that a letter was sent please provide me with a copy of the letter accepting that any details that might identify the patient will be redacted to comply with S.40.

2. Of those patients discharged from your hospital in either 2014/15 or 2015/16 please state how many patients had been considered fit to discharge but remained in hospital in excess of one full calendar year before they were discharged? For each patient please state how many days they occupied a hospital bed while considered fit to discharge?

3. Using the most recent convenient date do you have any patients in your hospital who are considered fit to discharge but have been in hospital and been fit to discharge in excess of one full calendar year? For each patient please state how many days they have occupied a hospital bed while considered fit to discharge?

1. During the period requested copies of choice letters were filed in medical notes with no other record. In order to gather the information requested it would require us to recall all medical notes where the discharge team were involved and review them for any decisions about choice letters. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.

2.
2014/15 – Zero
2015/16 – Zero

3.
Zero