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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 Long stay patients with no fixed abode.

You asked:

- 1. Please provide (for each financial year, broken down by financial year, from 2010/11 to 2018/19 to date) the number of long-stay* occurrences of patients with No Fixed Abode recorded by the hospital trust.
- 2. As well as the total numbers above, for 2017/18 and 2018/19 please also provide the total length of stay (current at time of record, if ongoing) of each long-stay occurrence of a patient with No Fixed abode.
- *Long stay patients are defined by NHS England/NHS Improvement as a patient who has occupied an acute bed for 21 days or longer.

Trust response:

We have selected patients with an address of "NFA", "N F A", "No Fixed*", "*homeless*", "*hostel*", "*Shelter*", or "15 Knightrider*" (a local short-stay hostel that is often see on the address fields), or with the pseudo-postcode of ZZ99 3VZ.

This probably misses some patients, as the system looks up the patient on admission, finds the latest address we have on record, and asks them to confirm it, thus missing any who decline to tell us. It's also probably missing people using an accommodation address, or resident in a shelter / hostel we are not aware of.

2010/11 data is no longer accessible.

18/19 data is inclusive for discharges up to 31-Jan-19. Applying a multiplier of 1.19 would give a reasonable estimate of a full year.

1) Number of discharges of patients with LoS of 21 days or more

LOS	(Multiple Items)	Ţ			
Count of DistrictNumber MonthID2	ActivityType2 Elective / planned	Ţ	Non Elective		Grand Total
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1213					
1314				2	2
1415				1	1
1516				2	2
1617					
1718				1	1
1819				1	1
Grand Total				7	7

2) Total bed days of all patients identified as homeless

Sum of LOS MonthID2	ActivityType2	ned 🔻	Non Elective	Grand Total
1112		-	97	97
1213		2	91	93
1314		1	199	200
1415		6	187	193
1516		1	184	185
1617		13	131	144
1718		-	242	242
1819		1	144	145
Grand Total		24	1,275	1,299