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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 COVID-19 discharges into care homes.

*You asked:*

- 1) Between 01/02/2020 to 01/07/2020, how many patients were discharged from hospitals run by your Trust into care homes? Please provide a weekly breakdown.*
- 2) Of those patients who were discharged into care homes in the specified period, how many were tested for COVID-19 prior to leaving hospital? Please provide a weekly breakdown.*
- 3) Finally, please tell me how many tested positive but were nonetheless discharged into care homes. Please provide a weekly breakdown.*

Trust response:

Please note: At the beginning of this time period and following the guidance issued, the Trust were only swabbing symptomatic patients.

Of those that were not swabbed prior to discharge, this is likely due to them not showing any symptoms of COVID-19 and being in hospital for non COVID reasons.

Please see the following table:

	1. Total Discharged into Care Homes	2. Tested for COVID prior to discharge
02/02/2020	4	2
09/02/2020	14	11
16/02/2020	15	13
23/02/2020	13	13
01/03/2020	17	17
08/03/2020	14	12
15/03/2020	18	18
22/03/2020	8	8
29/03/2020	7	7
05/04/2020	11	11
12/04/2020	6	6
19/04/2020	9	9
26/04/2020	11	11
03/05/2020	14	14
10/05/2020	10	10
17/05/2020	8	8
24/05/2020	8	8
31/05/2020	9	9
07/06/2020	7	7
14/06/2020	9	9
21/06/2020	5	5
28/06/2020	4	4

3. The Trust ensure that patients that are positive with Covid have multiple negative swabs before being discharged back to the care homes to prevent further infection.