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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 Discharges to care homes.

You asked:

- 1) Please could you state how many patients were discharged to care homes after a positive Covid-19 test between March 17th and April 16th 2020*
- 2) Please could you state how many patients were discharged to care homes without being tested for Covid-19 between March 17th and April 16th 2020*
- 3) Please could you state how many patients were discharged to care homes with a negative test for Covid-19 between March 17th and April 16th 2020*
- 4) Please state whether you have reviewed any of these discharges between March 17th and April 16th to check if they led to any further transmission of Covid-19. If so, please state the number that were recorded as leading to further transmission.*
- 5) Please provide a copy of any reports in which the trust's discharge of patients to care homes during the March 17th to April 16th 2020 is analysed in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic.*

Trust response:

1. to 3.

Under Section 21 of the Act we are not required to provide information in response to a request if the information is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available from the trust website using the following link/s: <http://www.mtw.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Residential-home-discharges-and-COVID-19.-040620.pdf>

Due to the time already taken by the Trust to respond to the above request on the same subject, 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 your request further.

4. All patients discharged under the COVID19 pathway have been regularly reviewed for health and wellbeing with a member of the team phoning the relevant care home weekly to discuss the wellbeing of the patient and identify any additional support required

It is impossible to identify whether a patient is responsible for onward transmission, and routine swabbing was not available in the care homes

5) The Trust are not producing routing reports.