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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 discharge policies

- 1. What number (and proportion) of hospitals run by the Trust have discharge policies in place that require patients to leave hospital after a specified period of time, if they are medically fit but remain in hospital because they (or their family) are:
- a. Choosing a residential or nursing home?
- b. Arranging a care package at home?
- c. Looking for alternative housing (e.g. sheltered/retirement housing, extra care)?

Please provide supporting documentation in the form of the relevant policy documents.

2. How many patients aged 65 and over have been affected by this policy in the past 12 months? Please provide an overall number, and if possible also provide numbers of patients who have been affected for each of the reasons listed in question 1 above.

If it is not possible to provide figures for different age groups, please give the total number of people affected.

3. What number of hospitals run by the Trust have plans to develop such a policy within the next 12 months?

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust does not have a policy of this nature.