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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 Elective waiting list and discharge to care homes.

*You asked:*

- 1. What is the current size of your Elective wait list broken down by specialty in May?*
- 2. How many patients from your hospital were discharged to home care settings, i.e. residential care homes/nursing homes etc. in the last 6 months (December – May)?*

Trust response:

The first table is May's elective Waiting List as a snapshot from 1st June. The second table includes patient discharges to home care settings.

There is a slight caveat to the information provided which applies only to those being discharged to their usual place of residence which may in fact be a care home.

Patients living in residential care homes have been determined by use of a table which lists all the local care homes.

Because the address given by the patient cannot be relied on to exactly match the address listed on the reference dataset, we need to rely on matching postcode.

This means that we risk including patients who do not live in the care home, but share a postcode. Whilst larger care homes may have their own postcode, smaller ones will often not, and their neighbours will end up being counted as well. We have tried to limit this by excluding patients under 70, but whilst this will reduce the false positives, it will also incorrectly exclude

younger care home residents. An attempt to quantify this a few years ago led to an estimate of around 10% false positives

This method will also miss anyone who lives in a care home not on the list, anyone who gives us the wrong postcode, and anyone who still has their original address on our system. We have no way of quantifying this.

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	Reporting Month
Speciality	May-2018
GENERAL SURGERY	1715
UROLOGY	739
TRAUMA & ORTHOPAEDICS	1493
ENT	843
OPHTHALMOLOGY	1544
PAIN MANAGEMENT	173
PAEDIATRICS	16
GENERAL MEDICINE	40
GASTROENTEROLOGY	343
HAEMATOLOGY	2
CARDIOLOGY	193
THORACIC MEDICINE	28
MEDICAL ONCOLOGY	2
CARE OF THE ELDERLY	5
OBSTETRICS	3
GYNAECOLOGY	835
GYNAECOLOGICAL ONCOLOGY	39
PHYSIOTHERAPY	1
CLINICAL ONCOLOGY	2
INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY	3
Grand Total	8019

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Please see the table below.

	YYYY-MM					
Destination of Discharge	2017-12	2018-01	2018-02	2018-03	2018-04	2018-05
LOCAL AUTHORITY OR NON-NHS CARE HOME	50	41	41	19	22	36
LOCAL AUTHORITY RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION	7	8	11	9	2	8
NHS CARE HOME	28	37	32	43	42	28
USUAL PLACE OF RESIDENCE	185	162	144	164	138	170
Grand Total	270	248	228	235	204	242

