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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 Overnight discharges.

*You asked:*

*- For the financial years 2018-19 to date, 2017-18, 2016-17 and 2015-16 how many patients were discharged overnight, or more specifically between 11pm and 6am?*

*- What percentage of all patients discharged do the "overnight" discharges represent, for the three years stated above?*

*- Of the overnight discharges from your trust, how many were new mothers discharged from maternity wards?*

Trust response:

Please find the required data below.

Also please be aware that we have some doubts over this data. During a busy day many discharges would not be able to be logged until quieter periods. This means that clinical staff might be appearing to discharge patients during the night (when they have time) but are really just updating the system. The patient may have actually been discharged hours previously and this means we cannot be certain that the data is correct. The Trust would not discharge new mothers overnight unless they specifically request to go home.

FY	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19
Discharged over night	3725	5175	6709	2509
Total Discharges	131935	141025	142156	49162
Percentage of Total Overnight	2.82%	3.67%	4.72%	5.10%
New mothers Discharged Over Night	67	93	140	60