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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 Checklist.

You asked:

- 1. Do you have a discharge checklist document available for staff to use when patients are leaving your hospital?
- 2. If so, when is this discharge checklist completed?
- a. At point of discharge
- b. Within 12 hours before discharge
- c. 12 to 24 hours before discharge
- d. 25 to 48 hours before discharge
- e. More than 48 hours before discharge
- f. Other
- 3. Was this check list developed using guidance issued by Department of Health or NHS England? If so please tick the applicable guidance:
- a. Achieving timely 'simple' discharge from hospital: A toolkit for the multidisciplinary team. (NHS)
- b. Ready to go? Planning the discharge and the transfer of patients from hospital and intermediate care. (DH)
- c. Discharge from hospital: pathway, process and practice (DH)
- d. Other please provide the name
- 4. If you have a written discharge checklist, does it contain any of the following?
- a. Method of transport for the patient post discharge
- b. If relatives or carers have been informed of the discharge, prior to the discharge

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- c. If new medicines have been prescribed during the hospital stay
- d. If the home environment (where an individual is discharged to) is a suitable place for the patient to recuperate in.
- e. If essential food, water, heating are available in home environment
- f. If written or verbal advice has been given to the patient
- g. If the patient requires a mobility aid (including a wheelchair)

## Trust response:

Please see the following completed table.

1.	-	have a discharge checklist document available for staff to use when s are leaving your hospital?	Yes ⊠ No □		
2.	If so, w	o, when is this discharge checklist completed?		Please tick as appropriate:	
	a.	At point of discharge	a.		
	b.	Within 12 hours before discharge	b.		
	C.	12 to 24 hours before discharge	C.	$\boxtimes$	
	d.	25 to 48 hours before discharge			
	e.	More than 48 hours before discharge	d.		
	f.	Other	e.		
			f.	If 'Other' please specify:	
3.		is check list developed using guidance issued by Department of Health England? If so please tick the applicable guidance:	Please	tick as appropriate:	
			a.		
		Achieving timely 'simple' discharge from hospital: A toolkit for the multi-disciplinary team. (NHS)	b.		
	b.	Ready to go? Planning the discharge and the transfer of patients from hospital and intermediate care. (DH)	C.		
	C.	Discharge from hospital: pathway, process and practice (DH)	If 'Othe	er' please provide the name:	
	d.	Other - please provide the name	d.	Unknown	
4.	If you h	have a written discharge checklist, does it contain any of the following:	Please	tick as appropriate	
	a.	Method of transport for the patient post discharge	a.	$\boxtimes$	
	b.	If relatives or carers have been informed of the discharge, prior to the discharge	b.	$\boxtimes$	
	C.	If new medicines have been prescribed during the hospital stay	c.	$\boxtimes$	
	d.	If the home environment (where an individual is discharged to) is a suitable place for the patient to recuperate in.	d.		
	e.	If essential food, water, heating are available in home environment	e.		
	f.	If written or verbal advice has been given to the patient	f.	$\boxtimes$	
	g.	If the patient requires a mobility aid (including a wheelchair)	g.	$\boxtimes$	