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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 Patients with no fixed abode.

You asked:

- How many people were discharged without a fixed address in the last five years (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018)? Please break this down by year.*
- How many were readmitted within six months in the last five years (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018)? Please break this down by year.*

Trust response:

Previous work done on homeless / No Fixed Abode patients suggests that we tend to undercount them, because unless they tell the staff on arrival or admission, they will get coded to their last known address.

Readmissions have been counted if the patient came back as a non-elective in less than 182 days of discharge. The readmissions are counted into the year of the original discharge, so if a patient was discharged in Nov-17 and came back in Feb-18, they are a 2017 readmission.

Readmission counting is not dependent on homeless status on their return, so if they have an address on their readmission, they still count. However, if they have an address on the original & do not on return, they are not.

Note that the readmission rate for 2018 will be undercounted, because patients discharged from mid-August still have time to come back within 6 months

Year	Discharges of Homeless People	Of which returned <6mth	Rate
2014	117	59	50.4%
2015	114	52	45.6%
2016	94	42	44.7%
2017	108	42	38.9%
2018	128	50	39.1%