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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:

- 1. The number of patients presenting at your A&E/urgent care centres whose address is recorded as no fixed abode or any other similar indicator the trust uses to categorise those who do not have a fixed address/are homeless during financial year 2018/19.*
- 2. The number of patients admitted to the hospital whose address is recorded as no fixed abode or any other similar indicator the trust uses to categorise those who do not have a fixed address/are homeless during financial year 2018/19.*

Trust response:

1) 204

This relies on either the postcode being recorded as ZZ99 3VZ, or the patient having no NHS number, and the address being recorded as NFA, Homeless, No Fixed Abode etc. If the patient has an NHS number, we get the postcode but don't get the address. Based on this & previous work done, there is a high probability that this number is undercounted.

2) 107. 2 of these were day case patients, and the rest were non-elective.

Again, this relies on correct recording of homeless status. A patient who has been previously admitted & is on our Patient Master Index will be recorded under whatever address we have, unless they tell us otherwise.