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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 summaries.

*You asked:*

*Please could you provide answers to each separate question covering the following time periods?*

*The first covering the time period 1st January 2015 – 31st December 2015;*

*The second covering the time period 1st January 2016 – 31st December 2016;*

*The third covering the time period 1st January 2017 – 31st December 2017;*

*The fourth covering the time period 1st January 2018 – 31st December 2018.*

*1. For each time period, how many discharge summaries were sent to GP practices after 24 hours of a discharge of a patient? i.e. how many discharge summaries were delayed in sending to GPs? This counts for outpatient, inpatient, day case and A&E care.*

*Also, if you are able to answer within the confines of the FOI limitations, please answer the following:*

*2. For each time period, how many discharge summaries included planned and requested actions for GPs?*

*3. How many consultant to consultant (C2C) referrals were made in each time period?*

Trust response:

1. Please see following spreadsheet. It shows the year, the number of EDNs sent within 24 hours (in the Sent24 column) and the total number of EDNs. The number not sent within 24 hours is the total less the number sent within 24 hours, but it is complicated by the fact that not all EDNs were sent

electronically (the number not sent electronically is in the Posted column) and not all EDNs were completed (in the Incomplete column). We have shown the EDNs sent electronically but not within 24 hours in the following columns: Sent48 (more than 24 hours but within 48 hours), Sent72 (more than 48 hours but within 72 hours), Sent72+ (more than 72 hours).

| Year | Incomplete | Posted | <b>Sent24</b> | Sent48 | Sent72 | Sent72+ | <b>Total</b> |
|------|------------|--------|---------------|--------|--------|---------|--------------|
| 2015 | 1460       | 9684   | <b>49707</b>  | 1877   | 1281   | 4901    | <b>68910</b> |
| 2016 | 1658       | 9857   | <b>50741</b>  | 1524   | 967    | 3607    | <b>68354</b> |
| 2017 | 2029       | 9455   | <b>47539</b>  | 1220   | 920    | 4811    | <b>65974</b> |
| 2018 | 2144       | 9315   | <b>46910</b>  | 2235   | 1699   | 5772    | <b>68074</b> |

2. 'Planned and requested actions' is a field of the new AOMRC EDN template. This template went live in 2018, so we only have the data for that year: from 01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018 there were 11,131 EDNs sent using the AOMRC template of which 8,395 included 'planned and requested actions'. (Note: not all EDNs use the AOMRC template).

3. The Trust does not have the ability to gather this information without needing to check every document held within patient records. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.