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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 discharges into care homes.

You asked:

- 1. The number of patients who were positive with Covid-19 who you discharged into care homes since you started recording patients suffering with coronavirus.
- 2. The number of patients who had recovered from Covid-19 who you discharged into care homes since you started recording patients suffering with coronavirus.
- 3. The care homes these patients were discharged into.
- 4. The dates that these discharges happened.

Trust response:

When the majority of our patients are discharged the information is recorded on our system as "discharged to the usual place of residence". The data the Trust holds on our system in relation to a patient's address is the current details. In order to try and ascertain the patients address at discharge we would need to manually check all the records of patients with a Covid-19 + swab to cross reference any recorded previous addresses within the time frame requested with details of care homes.

The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider 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 your request and we will not be processing your request further.