

## Freedom of Information Request

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**Information Requested:**

Please find below a freedom of information request related to the discharge of patients who may be homeless.

Should answering this FOI exceed the time limit, please prioritise Questions 1 and 2a.

1. How many individuals have been discharged to 'no fixed abode' from hospitals within your trust? Where possible please provide data both by individual medical department and as a whole (for the entire Trust).

Please provide data for each of the following financial years:

- 2022/2023 (or the latest financial year)

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- 2017/2018

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If you do not hold data on the number of individuals, please provide the number of discharges there have been to 'no fixed abode'.

2. Of those individuals who were discharged to 'no fixed abode' (in Q1) how many were readmitted within six months?

Please provide data for each of the following financial years:

Please note that the trust's policy is not to provide patient or staff numbers, where the response is less than or equal to five ( $\leq 5$ ) as it would potentially allow identification of the individual patient/staff and would therefore be personal data. The trust considers that release of that information would breach GDPR/DPA18 principles on the grounds that it would not be fair in all the circumstances. This information is therefore exempt under section 40 of the FOI Act 2000.

- 2022/2023 (or the latest financial year)

$\leq 5$

- 2017/2018

$\leq 5$

If you do not hold data on the number of individuals, please provide the number of readmissions.

3. Of the individuals in Q2a, how many individuals were readmitted because of substance use issues?

N/A

Please provide data for each of the following financial years:

- 2022/2023 (or the latest financial year)

- 2017/2018

4. Does your NHS Trust have guidance/policy in place that details how to support a patient who is being discharged from hospital to 'no fixed abode'?  
[Please see attached policy.](#)

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**Publication Scheme:**

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