



Ref: FOIA Reference 2018/19-471

Date: 9th November 2018

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 6th November 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding number of patients discharged from hospital at night.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act. I wish to request information about the number of patients discharged from hospital in the night.

Specifically, I would like information on:

1. From 2010/11 to 2017/18: annual figures for the number of patients discharged from hospital between 11pm and 6am.

A1 Please see below; however note that information for County Hospital prior to merger is not held.

| Financial Year | Total |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| 2011/12 | 5944 |
| 2012/13 | 7271 |
| 2013/14 | 6939 |
| 2014/15 | 8101 |
| 2015/16 | 8067 |
| 2016/17 | 7257 |
| 2017/18 | 7030 |
| Grand Total | 50609 |

In summary- 48% of discharges had a zero length of stay.

- 66% were from Assessment Units (Including Children's)
- 0.5% from Critical Care,
- 23% from Maternity
- And only 10% from actual Wards

Q2 For the year 2017/18, please provide an age breakdown of such patients. This should be with age brackets of

- 0-14
- 15-64
- 65-74
- 75-84
- 85 and over, if possible.

I would prefer to receive this information in an Excel spreadsheet

A2 Please see below:

| Financial Year | 0-14 | 15-64 | 65- | 75- | 85+ | Grand Total |
|----------------|------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-------------|
| 2017/18 | 1406 | 4565 | 425 | 398 | 236 | 7030 |

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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