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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 28th February 2025. Your request has been processed using the Trust's procedures for the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

Requested information:

Could you please provide:

1. The total number of beds in all the hospitals and wards under your Trust or Foundation.
163 as at 10/03/2025.
2. Total number of patients who were 'medically fit for discharge' (MFFD) or no longer meet the criteria to reside, as mentioned in the latest NHS England data, but remained in hospital for seven days or longer between 1 January 2024 and 1 January 2025 because they had no recourse to public funds (NRPF) as highlighted here. Please provide the information from all the hospitals under the Trust or Foundation. **1 Distinct patient**
3. Total number of patients who were 'medically fit for discharge' (MFFD) or no longer meet the criteria to reside, as mentioned in the latest NHS England data, but remained in hospital for seven days or longer between 1 January 2024 and 1 January 2025 because of the lack of social care. Please provide the information from all the hospitals under the Trust or Foundation. **177 Distinct patient**
4. Total number of patients who were 'medically fit for discharge' (MFFD) or no longer meet the criteria to reside, as mentioned in the latest NHS England data, but remained in the hospital for seven days or longer between 1 January 2024 and 1 January 2025 because they were at risk of or experiencing homelessness. **0 Distinct patient**
5. Total number of patients who were 'medically fit for discharge' (MFFD) or no longer meet the criteria to reside, as mentioned in the latest NHS England data, but remained in the hospital for seven days or longer between 1 January 2024 and 1 January 2025 because of any other reasons. **16 Distinct patient**

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Please note that for questions 2, 3 and 5 we have provided response based on related data items that form part of the Mental Health Services Data Set (MHSDS).

- January 2024 to March 2024 MHSDS V5 data items MENTAL HEALTH DELAYED DISCHARGE REASON and MENTAL HEALTH DELAYED DISCHARGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO INDICATION CODE were used.
- April 2024 to December 2024 MHSDS V6 data items MENTAL HEALTH CLINICALLY READY FOR DISCHARGE PERIOD DELAY REASON and MENTAL HEALTH CLINICALLY READY FOR DISCHARGE PERIOD ATTRIBUTABLE TO INDICATION CODE were used.
- For Question 2 we used MHSDS V5 MENTAL HEALTH DELAYED DISCHARGE REASON B1– Awaiting public funding and MHSDS V6 MENTAL HEALTH CLINICALLY READY FOR DISCHARGE PERIOD DELAY REASON 04 – Awaiting public funding or decision from funding panel.
- For Question 3 we used MHSDS V5 MENTAL HEALTH DELAYED DISCHARGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO INDICATION CODE 05 – Social Care / 06 - NHS and Social Care and MHSDS V6 MENTAL HEALTH CLINICALLY READY FOR DISCHARGE PERIOD ATTRIBUTABLE TO INDICATION CODE 05 – Social Care / 06 - NHS and Social Care
- Question 4 we were unable to provide a response as we do not hold information to accurately state if a patient is at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review of the management of your request. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Dr Buki Adeyemo, Chief Executive, North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust, Trust Headquarters, Lawton House, Bellringer Road, Trentham, ST4 8HH. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely



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