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RE: Freedom of Information Request

2nd August 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 21st December 2023, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do not hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below. In your request you asked:

This is an information request relating to NHS safe house patients.

Please include the following information for each of the following financial years; 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23:

- **What are the conditions that class as “unsuitable housing’ or ‘clinically vulnerable’ pertaining to patients that require NHS safe places?**
- **Unsuitable housing leading to the provision of safe houses refers to the conditions that means social services must be called as referred to in this article.**
<https://www.guysandstthomas.nhs.uk/news/safe-place-patients-who-are-homeless-after-hospital-stay>

1. **How many cases of this have been reported each year?**
2. **How many days did each patient stay?**
3. **What were the reasons for their stay?**
4. **How much did it cost to keep each patient?**
5. **What was the reason for each patients’ discharge?**

The Trust does not hold information to specify those admitted or discharged due to ‘unsuitable housing’ or ‘clinically vulnerable’ in a reportable format. The Trust does have a duty of care to ensure a safe discharged for patients who are homeless and this is covered in our Discharge Policy which is located on our website which you will find here: <https://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/media/2bkdrjdt/discharge-policy.pdf>.

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I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. 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: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/>.

Complaints to the Information Commissioner's Office should be sent to FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone 0303 1231113, email casework@ico.org.uk.

If you would like this letter or information in an alternative format, for example large print or easy read, or if you need help with communicating with us, for example because you use British Sign Language, please let us know. You can call us on 01623 672232 or email sfh-tr.foi.requests@nhs.net.

Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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