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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 3988

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 09th August 2019.

Your request was as follows:

1. For each time period, how many discharge summaries were sent to GP practices after 24 hours of a discharge of a patient? i.e how many discharge summaries were delayed in sending to GPs? This counts for outpatient, inpatient, day case and A&E care.

The first covering the time period 1st January 2015 - 31st December 2015;

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not record information about discharge summaries. We can confirm when a patient is discharged they are given a brief summary of the care we have provided, which is produced in EP2, but EP2 does not record when it was printed or who it was sent to. Post discharge we would then send a discharge letter to the GP. Under the FOI Act, we are not required to create this information in order to answer your request. I should explain that the FOI Act is to do with transparency of information held by public authorities. It gives an individual the right to access recorded information held by public authorities. The FOI Act does not require public authorities to generate information, or to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information that they already hold.

The second covering the time period 1st January 2016 - 31st December 2016;

N/A

The third covering the time period 1st January 2017 - 31st December 2017;

N/A

and the fourth covering the time period 1st January 2018 - 31st December 2018.

N/A

2. For each time period, how many discharge summaries included planned and requested actions for GPs?

The first covering the time period 1st January 2015 - 31st December 2015;

N/A

The second covering the time period 1st January 2016 - 31st December 2016;



N/A

The third covering the time period 1st January 2017 - 31st December 2017;

N/A

and the fourth covering the time period 1st January 2018 - 31st December 2018.

N/A

3. How many consultant to consultant (C2C) referrals were made in each time period?

The first covering the time period 1st January 2015 - 31st December 2015;

[Please see attached spreadsheet](#)

The second covering the time period 1st January 2016 - 31st December 2016;

[Please see attached spreadsheet](#)

The third covering the time period 1st January 2017 - 31st December 2017;

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and the fourth covering the time period 1st January 2018 - 31st December 2018.

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Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 3988 in any future communications.

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 Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

Mike Burns

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