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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 3995

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 15th August 2019.

Your request was as follows:

Could the authority state how they use agencies and/or software to expedite the discharge of DTOC patients?

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust (WCFT) can confirm CUR is used as a tool to identify what the trust delays are, if they are internal or external that information is then feedback via a portal to NHSE who then have an overview of the issues with external delays, we do not use any other bed management tools.

How much did they spend with agencies to arrange placements with care homes or home care for DTOC patients in each of the last three financial years?

- £0, this would be arranged by social services or CCG depending on funding stream

Do they use Capacity Tracker or any other software of services to identify care homes or home care packages? Please state which software or services are used.

No

Please see our response above in blue.

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Yours sincerely

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