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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5845

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 26th July 2023.

Your request was as follows:

Please find below a freedom of information request related to the discharge of patients who may be homeless.

Should answering this FOI exceed the time limit, please prioritise Questions 1 and 2a.

Q1. How many individuals have been discharged to 'no fixed abode' from hospitals within your trust?
Where possible please provide data both by individual medical department and as a whole (for the entire Trust).

Please provide data for each of the following financial years:

- 2022/2023 (or the latest financial year)

- 2017/2018

If you do not hold data on the number of individuals, please provide the number of discharges there have been to 'no fixed abode'.

- 2022/2023 (or the latest financial year) 0 as of Jan 23

- 2017/2018 1

Q2a. Of those individuals who were discharged to 'no fixed abode' (in Q1) how many were readmitted within six months?

Please provide data for each of the following financial years:



- 2022/2023 (or the latest financial year)

- 2017/2018

If you do not hold data on the number of individuals, please provide the number of readmissions.

I can confirm that no patients without a fixed abode were readmitted within six months of discharge.

Q2b. Of the individuals in Q2a, how many individuals were readmitted because of substance use issues?

Please provide data for each of the following financial years:

- 2022/2023 (or the latest financial year)

- 2017/2018

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust (WCFT) is a Specialist Neuroscience Tertiary Care Centre; patients would not be admitted for substance use issues. Therefore, we cannot provide this information.

Q3. Does your NHS Trust have guidance/policy in place that details how to support a patient who is being discharged from hospital to 'no fixed abode'?

The WCFT use the discharge policy that details how to support a patient discharged from hospital with no fixed abode.

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

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 5845 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 by:

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Online: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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