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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 9 September 2020 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am now able to provide you with a response.

Your request was in relation to no fixed abode patients and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

- 1. Please provide the total number of A&E attendances by patients of No Fixed Abode for each of the financial years from 2009/10 to 2019/20?**
- 2. Please provide the total number of hospital admissions by patients of No Fixed Abode for each of the same financial years?**
- 3. Please provide the total annual bed days for these patients of No Fixed Abode (totals should be provided as a sum of all patients over the whole financial year, not broken down by individual patients)?**
- 4. Please provide the number of long-stay patients of no fixed abode for the the same financial years and the length of each stay? Long stay is defined by the NHS as 21 days or longer.**
- 5. Please provide the number of patients attending or admitted to hospital of No Fixed Abode (for each of the same financial years) categorised or marked with a hepatitis C infection code?**
- 6. Please provide the number of patients attending or admitted to hospital of No Fixed Abode (for each of the same financial years) categorised or marked with a hepatitis B infection code?**
- 7. Please provide the number of patients attending or admitted to hospital of No Fixed Abode (for each of the same financial years) categorised or marked with a self-poisoning or self-harm code?**
- 8. Please provide the number of patients attending or admitted to hospital of No Fixed Abode (for each of the same financial years) categorised or marked with: ‘drug related mental and behavioural disorders, poisoning by drug misuse or admissions where drug related mental and behavioural disorders were a factor. If your trust does not use these NHS England**

measures – please supply figures for your own drug misuse codes or labels?

9. Please provide the number of patients attending or admitted to hospital of No Fixed Abode (for each of the same financial years) categorised or marked with a latent tuberculosis infection, or other tuberculosis, code?

Please see below the answers to questions 1 to question 9 by financial year:

Financial Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9
2009/10	123	60	139	1	1	0	13	37	0
2010/11	102	29	27	0	0	0	10	13	0
2011/12	130	14	21	0	0	0	2	10	0
2012/13	87	8	5	0	0	0	2	6	0
2013/14	87	19	65	1	1	0	4	14	0
2014/15	151	32	150	3	2	0	4	16	0
2015/16	129	19	45	0	0	0	8	14	0
2016/17	179	40	88	2	3	0	16	30	0
2017/18	211	48	95	1	0	0	8	35	0
2018/19	198	37	77	1	2	0	11	29	0
2019/20	123	14	51	0	1	0	2	10	0

10. Since October 2018 how many times have referrals to local authorities been made under the Homelessness Reduction Act (2017) for patients identified as experiencing homelessness, or being at risk of homelessness within the next 56 days?

The Trust does not hold this information. The first point of contact for this information should be the Freedom of Information Officer at Durham County Council. The Trust would advise, in accordance with Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance), that you contact this organisation via the following email address:

<http://www.durham.gov.uk/article/22838/Freedom-of-Information-FOI-requests>

11. Does the Trust have formal admission and discharge policies in place to ensure homeless people are identified on admission, and that the discharge of homeless people should be notified to relevant primary health care and homelessness services?

The Trust “Discharge and Going Home Policy” covers the need for homeless people to be identified on admission and the Duty to Refer, as well as explaining the criteria for referral to local Social Service departments.

12. Please confirm whether your Trust has a Pathway team (GP-led in hospital management of homeless patients)?

The Trust does not have a Pathway team (GP-led in hospital management of homeless patients).

13. Please confirm whether your Trust has an alternative (non-Pathway model) team dedicated to co-ordinating the care/discharge/further needs outside the hospital of homeless patients. Please give the team name and describe its function?

The Trust does not have an alternative (non-Pathway model) team that is purely dedicated to co-ordinating the care/ discharge/ further needs outside the hospital of homeless patients. The Discharge Management Team, however, would work with Hospital Social Workers and representatives from the local authority Housing departments to co-ordinate such complex discharges.

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log on the Trust's website. However please be assured that we anonymise all responses prior to adding them to the disclosure log.

I hope that this response has provided you with the information you had requested. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or in writing. If however, you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled and would like an internal review, you will need to contact me in writing at the above address or via cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.

If you remain dissatisfied with our response following an internal review you have the right to appeal to The Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. More information is available on their website; www.ico.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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