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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

You asked:

1. *Does the Trust have a discharge policy in place that requires patients to leave hospital after a specified period of time, if they are medically fit but remain in hospital because they (or their family) have been unable to:*
 - a. *Choose a preferred residential or nursing home?*
 - b. *Arrange a care package at home?*
 - c. *Find suitable alternative housing (e.g. sheltered/retirement housing, extra care)?*

Please provide copies of any relevant policy documents.

Please see attached

2. *How many patients have been affected by this policy in the past 12 months? Please provide an overall number, and if possible also provide a breakdown by:*
 - a. *Age (over 65 or under 65)*
 - b. *Reason for the policy being enacted (as in question 1)*

In response to the above question, whilst the policy is applied, we do not record the fine detail i.e.

- a. Age
 - b. Reason for the policy being enacted
3. Does the Trust have plans to develop such a policy within the next 12 months?

N/A

I hope you find this information useful, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Chairman: Robert Armstrong
Chief Executive: Andrew Foster CBE

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Foster

Chief Executive

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