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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:

Does your hospital use an early discharge scheme, use virtual wards, or a recovery at home scheme (i.e. a scheme for individuals to be discharged early from hospital who still have a clinical need but lower acuity than is necessary to take up a hospital bed)?

Yes – Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust has a Hospital at Home team.

a. *If yes does your hospital use an external provider or providers for this? If so which provider(s)?*

No

b. *Which wards use the scheme?*

All wards within Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust can refer patients for Hospital at Home

c. *How many patients use the scheme each year (or quarter/month if available)?*

In 2014, 1900 people were referred to the Hospital at Home team

i. *Broken down by ward and provider?*

The Trust does not store the information by individual ward, however in 2014, 787 referrals were from the acute setting

d. *What are the clinical criteria used to determine who gets an early discharge?*

The Hospital at Home team accepts referrals for patients who made need the following

- Administration of intravenous antibiotics
- Screening for deep vein thrombosis
- Rehydration by administering subcutaneous fluids

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- Observation monitoring
- Care for patients with community acquired pneumonia
- Urgent therapy assessments and provision of equipment, timely interventions up to six weeks
- Urgent investigations for GP's and advanced nurse practitioners for the nursing homes
- Administration of vitamin K for raised INR

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 256335. 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.

Yours sincerely,



Rob Forster
Acting Chief Executive

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