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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 FOI Act.

1) *Please could you provide the number of admitted patient care episodes which are classified according to the 2016 HES Data Dictionary as ADMISORC = 87 Non-NHS run Hospitals for the years 2011 - 2017 inclusive, and specify whether these are elective, emergency or other forms of admission.*

2) *In providing the above data please could you include duration of spell for each care episode. This is classified as SPELDUR in the 2016 HES data dictionary. Please could you also specify whether the admitted patient died or survived the admission.*

3) *Please could you provide the numbers of NHS patients who have been sent for treatment in private hospitals by your Trust at the expense of the NHS in each financial year since 2011?*

4) *Please could you tell me how much has been spent by your Trust on outsourcing treatment of patients to private hospitals in each financial year since 2011? I would be grateful to have this information by Account Code description as used in the response to this question by the Heart of England Foundation Trust, given in the FOI response indicated here: <http://www.heartofengland.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/FOI5113.pdf>*

*The terms used are all from NHS Digital's Hospital Episode Statistics Data Dictionary, available here: <http://content.digital.nhs.uk/media/19425/APC-DD-Final-Doc2/pdf/DD-APC-V7.pdf>*

*In particular,*

*HES = Health Episode Statistics*

*ADMISORC is not an acronym but the field code for "Source of admission", as detailed on p.25 of the dictionary: "This field contains a code which identifies where the patient was immediately prior to admission. Most patients are admitted from home, but there are some significant exceptions. In particular, this field differentiates between patients admitted from home and patients transferred from another hospital provider or institution"*

Similarly SPELDUR is the field code for "Duration of spell", as detailed on p.280 of the dictionary: "This derived field gives the duration of the spell in days. It contains the difference in days between the admission date (admidate) and the discharge date (epiend) provided the discharge method (dismeth) confirms that the spell has finished. If the episode has not finished it is calculated from the end of the year and admidate."

Please see below for the information that you have requested.

No of Admissions Year, Admission Category & Discharge Method	Spell Duration													Grand Total						
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	11	15	19	20	22		23	33	38	113		
<b>2011</b>																				
<b>Emergency</b>																				
1: Normal											1			1	1			3		
4: Patient died					1													1		
<b>Other</b>																				
1: Normal												1						1		
<b>2012</b>																				
<b>Emergency</b>																				
1: Normal	1																	1	2	
<b>Other</b>																				
1: Normal					1														1	
4: Patient died									1										1	
<b>2013</b>																				
<b>Emergency</b>																				
1: Normal	1		2		1												1		5	
<b>Other</b>																				
1: Normal								1	1										2	
<b>Elective</b>																				
1: Normal					1														1	
<b>2014</b>																				
<b>Emergency</b>																				
4: Patient died																	1		1	
<b>2015</b>																				
<b>Emergency</b>																				
4: Patient died					1			1											2	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>								

I trust that this information is helpful to you, 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.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Foster  
Chief Executive

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