

Date: 19 February 2019

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**  
**Ref: 21- 2019**

Thank you for your email dated 22nd January 2019 requesting information regarding inpatient beds and patient figures.

The information that you require is as follows:

- 1) **The total number of adult emergency and elective inpatient beds across the Trust, excluding maternity (and paediatric) beds.**

**94 beds**

- 2) **The total number of adult emergency and elective ‘inpatient episodes’ within the most recently recorded 12 month period, excluding maternity (and paediatric) episodes.**

**7862 episodes (Jan – Dec 18)**

- 3) **The number of emergency and elective ‘inpatient episodes’ belonging to adults aged 65 years or over, within the most recently recorded 12 month period.**

**4138 episodes (Jan – Dec 18)**

- 4) **Of the number of emergency and elective ‘inpatient episodes’ belonging to adults aged 65 years or over within the most recently recorded 12 month period, how many of these required a domiciliary social care package to be implemented prior to discharge?**

Following a scoping exercise completed by our Information Team, it has become evident that in order to meet the full requirements of this question, there would be a significant impact on both time and workload within the Trust. This information is not held centrally and would therefore require a member of staff manually check each individual patient/episode for the last 12 months (over 4000 records), and extract the information requested. It is estimated that this would take far in excess of 18 hours.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the 'appropriate limit', which for local authorities is £450, or 18 hours (at £25 per hour). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2.5 working days locating the documents that contain the information and extracting the relevant information containing it. This would take considerable time and cost which we estimate will exceed the "appropriate limit".

5) The sum of the number of days each inpatient bed was occupied by an adult aged 65 years or over whilst he/she was deemed 'medically fit for discharge' but was unable to be discharged due to inadequate social care provision, in the most recently recorded 12 month period. (Please give data separately for each emergency and elective bed types if readily available, otherwise combined data is acceptable).

132 days (Jan – Dec 18)

6) The average cost of an inpatient bed occupied by an adult aged 65 years or over, per 24 hour period, for each emergency and elective beds (or emergency and elective beds combined if separate data is not readily available).

£552

7) The name(s) and email address(es) of the Trust's 'Lead Discharge Co-ordinator(s)'.

- Ruth Hanton: [Ruth.hanton@nhs.net](mailto:Ruth.hanton@nhs.net) (CCC Wirral Site)  
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Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on the email address provided below.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for this to be investigated internally.

If you are dissatisfied with the information you have received, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Both processes will be handled in accordance with our Trust's Freedom of Information Policy and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Internal investigation and internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Freedom of Information Review, The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Clatterbridge Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 4JY

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal investigation/review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

**In order for us to ensure customer satisfaction and to monitor compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we would be grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to complete a short feedback form via the link below:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/H39RFMM>