

Ref FOI17 058
Date 27 April 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Please find below/attached the Isle of Wight NHS Trust's response to your request.

- 1. Between 1.2.16 and 31.1.17 how many times have you written to a patient, or the family members of a patient, or the legal guardians of a patient, stating that in the Trust's view they are fit for discharge and should vacate their hospital bed? For each occurrence please state how many days they had occupied a hospital day for while considered fit for discharge prior to the date of the letter being sent to them or their representatives? For the most recent occasion that a letter was sent please provide me with a copy of the letter accepting that any details that might identify the patient will be redacted to comply with S.40.**

Response - To provide this information would require a manual examination of patient health records. These records constitute personal sensitive data as defined within the Data Protection Act 1998 and as such are exempt from provision under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

- 2. Of those patients discharged from your hospital in either 2014/15 or 2015/16 please state how many patients had been considered fit to discharge but remained in hospital in excess of one full calendar year before they were discharged? For each patient please state how many days they occupied a hospital bed while considered fit to discharge?**

Response - Nil.

- 3. Using the most recent convenient date do you have any patients in your hospital who are considered fit to discharge but have been in hospital and been fit to discharge in excess of one full calendar year? For each patient please state how many days they have occupied a hospital bed while considered fit to discharge?**

Response - Nil.

The Isle of Wight NHS Trust came into existence on 1 April 2012 and does not hold information prior to this date. If you require information prior to this date, please contact the Department of Health.

Please note that this response does not constitute consent for direct marketing.

The Isle of Wight NHS Trust serves a resident population of 140,000 with a substantial influx of tourists during the summer months. The Trust provides acute, ambulance, community, maternity, mental health services on the Isle of Wight. As the only fully integrated service provider in England with this unique range of services comparisons with other service providers are not always straightforward.

A log of this request will be held on a database by the Trust. All hard copy correspondence relating to this request will be held for one year from the date of this letter, before being confidentially destroyed. A copy of this response will be published on the Trust website.

If you are unhappy about the response you have received, you should write and request the Trust to undertake an internal review of your application. A senior member of staff, not previously involved with your request for information, will undertake this review. If you remain dissatisfied with the response received you may complain to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully

Freedom of Information Team

