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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. Do you have any children and young people on your wards/units with long term complex/medically complex needs who have been inpatients for more than 3 months but could receive their care at home?

YES NO

If you answered yes, please can you provide a breakdown of figures according to age range and time in hospital using the table below:

					
		3 - 6	7 - 12	13 months - 2	Over 3 years
		months	months	yrs	
AGE	Under 11 months				
	1 - 2 years				
	3 - 5 years				
	6 - 12 years				
	13 - 15 years				
	16 - 19 years				

If you answered no, please provide a short explanation:

Response - No patients meeting the criteria specified have been admitted for longer than three months

2. Are there any barriers preventing the discharge of these children and young people home?

YES NO

If you answered yes, please can you list these below:

3. What would be the top 3 things which would facilitate earlier discharge for these children and young people?

1	WellChild nurse (now in post)
2	Appropriate commissioning and resourcing of packages of care
3	Adequately trained staff to provide care packages in community

**4. Do you have information on the opportunity costs of providing long-term care for children and young people who could receive care at home? For example, have you had to divert other children and young people needing care to other hospitals because of a shortage of beds, or are there treatments which you have been unable to offer to children and young people because resources are unavoidably dedicated to the care of children and young people requiring long-term care who could, in other circumstances, be cared for at home? If possible please provide numbers or other evidence of the opportunities missed.
*(Please continue on a separate sheet if needed).***

Response - No information available. There have been no occasions of long term care provided for Children and young people in this Hospital

5. If WellChild funding were available for the provision of a WellChild Nurse based at your hospital/unit to work with parents and in the community to assist with the discharge of children and young people with long-term complex/medically complex needs back home, would you be interested making an application? (*Please continue on a separate sheet if needed*).

Response - WellChild Nurse funded post secured through National Funding initiative and individual in post as of beginning of November 2017.

Please add any further comments if you wish, on a separate sheet.

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.

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Yours faithfully

Freedom of Information Team