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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Ref: FOI/012174**

With reference to your FOI request that was received in connection with 'Early discharge/cancelled operations', please see response below.

**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)?**

The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust (DGFT) has a recovery at home scheme for individuals who still have a clinical need – we have an OPAT (Out Patient Antibiotic Therapy) scheme where patients on agreed I.V. antibiotics can be discharged into the community from hospital and receive their IV antibiotics in their home setting. We also have Early Supported Discharge where Stroke patients are supported with a package of care; these patients are assessed as being medically optimised for discharge.

There is also Early Supported Discharge Dementia for patients with Dementia needing a package of care again these patients are assessed as being medically optimised for discharge.

We have introduced 'Discharge to Assess Pathway 1' this year where patients who need enablement packages of care from the local Council are discharged following an initial ward screen within 24 hours to be fully assessed at home.

We have input from Virtual Ward Nurses based in the community who also have input with their patients on caseload when they are admitted. DGFT are paying for a number of nursing home beds which we are using to move 'Transition' patients usually awaiting 24 hr care home placement and are waiting for further health and social care assessments.

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

Yes Care Home Selection manage our DGFT funded Transition beds.

**b. Which wards use the scheme?**

All adult care wards can access Transition beds. Early Supported Discharge provided by Dudley Council is for stroke patients only on two of the wards.

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

Transition bed scheme information is available for last full 3 months (Dec 14 to Feb 15) with a total of 37 patients having used the scheme

DGFT does not hold this information for ESD scheme.

**c. i. Broken down by ward and provider?**

In this time frame Dec 14 to Feb 15:

Holbeche House Nursing Home 4 Seasons took 8 patients from wards B6, C5, C1, C8, C3 and A1.

Newbury Manor Nursing Home took 4 patients from wards A1, B4, C7 and A2.

Wyncroft Nursing Home took 12 patients from wards C8, HDU, C3, C1, C8, A3, C7, A1, CCU, A2 and Community

Oaklands Nursing Home took 5 patients from wards C1, C7, A3, and C3.

Veronica House Nursing Home took 5 patients from wards C8, C4, C3, C1 and ED

Trinity House Care Home took 3 patients from wards C3, C1 and Holbeche House Nursing home transfer

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

Different criteria for different schemes and localities

If any part of this request is ambiguous, could you provide information for any interpretations you are able to comply with

Also

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- 2) How many were cancelled because of a shortage of beds?
- 3) What is the breakdown of 1 and 2 by consultant specialty?
- 4) What is the breakdown of 1 by reason for cancellation?

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For response to questions 1 to 4 please see below

- 1) How many operations were cancelled in '13/'14?

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- 2) How many were cancelled because of a shortage of beds?

*112 This is elective hospital cancellations made on the day (ward, ITU and SHDU beds)*

- 3) What is the breakdown of 1 and 2 by consultant specialty?

*Question 1 by Specialty:*

Specialty	No. of Records
ENT	52
General Medicine	7
General Surgery	42
Gynaecology	53
Ophthalmology	38
Oral Surgery	21
Pain Management	16
Plastic Surgery	48
Trauma & Orthopaedics	102
Urology	38
Vascular	22
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>439</b>

*Question 2 by Specialty:*

Specialty	No. of Records
ENT	33
General Medicine	4
General Surgery	5
Gynaecology	9
Ophthalmology	2
Oral Surgery	6
Pain Management	1
Plastic Surgery	10
Trauma & Orthopaedics	35
Urology	3
Vascular	4
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>112</b>

4) What is the breakdown of 1 by reason for cancellation?

*Question 1 by reason for cancellation:*

<b>Reason for Cancellation</b>	<b>No. of Records</b>
Lack of beds	112
Lack of specialist staff	28
Lack of Specialised Equipment	5
Out of time	191
Unexpected event	34
Pre-assessment issues	42
Adverse weather	27
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>439</b>