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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/012706 – Discharge policy

1. Does the Trust have a discharge policy in place that requires patients to leave hospital after a specified period of time, if they are medically fit but remain in hospital because they (or their family) have been unable to:

Our current discharge policy does not make reference to requiring patients to leave hospital when medically fit but remain in hospital because they or their family have been unable to:-

- a. Choose a preferred residential or nursing home?
- b. Arrange a care package at home?
- c. Find suitable alternative housing (e.g. sheltered/retirement housing, extra care)?

Please provide copies of any relevant policy documents.

2. How many patients have been affected by this policy in the past 12 months? Please provide an overall number, and if possible also provide a breakdown by:

- a. Age (over 65 or under 65)
- b. Reason for the policy being enacted (as in question 1)

N/A

3. Does the Trust have plans to develop such a policy within the next 12 months?

Our Discharge of Patients Policy is due for review soon and we expect to include new information on processes to follow when patient delay is attributable to patient and family delays and this will include time frames within a specific period.