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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/012873 – Patient transfers

Please could we request the following information under the FOI act, (or by another means if you believe that is more appropriate.).

- a copy of the patient inter-hospital transfer document/proforma and guidelines used by your trust – **For a copy of the policy please contact FOI@dgh.nhs quoting reference number FOI/012783**

- The number of incidents reported involving the transfer of surgical patients between hospitals or trusts between March 2015-March 2016 –

8 incidents were reported which involved the transfer of surgical patients to other Trusts or hospitals none of these were classed as 'serious incidents'.

Please note:-

The Dudley Group have worked hard over the last few years to encourage all our staff to report any incident whether it is a potential incident or a near miss and are pleased that we have a very good reporting culture. This helps us to learn from potential incidents before they have occurred and also any other incidents.

- The number of surgical patients transferred between hospitals or trusts.

The number of surgical patients who have been recorded as admitted between 1st March 2015 and 31st March 2016 inclusive through inter-hospital transfer is 88. These are patients who have an Admission Source (using the nationally agreed definitions from the NHS Data Dictionary) as follows :

- 49 NHS other Hospital Provider - high security psychiatric accommodation in an NHS Hospital Provider (NHS Trust or NHS Foundation Trust)
- 51 NHS other Hospital Provider - WARD for general PATIENTS or the younger physically disabled or A & E department
- 52 NHS other Hospital Provider - WARD for maternity PATIENTS or Neonates
- 53 NHS other Hospital Provider - WARD for PATIENTS who are mentally ill or have Learning Disabilities

And under the care of surgical specialties (NHS Data Dictionary Treatment Function Code values '100','101','103','104','105','106','107','110','120','130','140','143','144','160','171','191','214','215','219')

The number of surgical patients who have been recorded as admitted between 1st March 2015 and 31st March 2016 inclusive and subsequently discharged through inter-hospital transfer is 151.

These are patients who have a Discharge Destination (using the nationally agreed definitions from the NHS Data Dictionary) as follows :

- 49 NHS other Hospital Provider - high security psychiatric accommodation
- 50 NHS other Hospital Provider - medium secure unit
- 51 NHS other Hospital Provider - WARD for general PATIENTS or the younger physically disabled
- 52 NHS other Hospital Provider - WARD for maternity PATIENTS or Neonates
- 53 NHS other Hospital Provider - WARD for PATIENTS who are mentally ill or have Learning Disabilities

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